



# Pastor's Comments

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### “Beware of Covetousness”

On Sunday, January 24, in the 10:45 a.m. service, our congregation will begin studying the **31st** of the “**49 Commands of Christ**” which is “**Beware of Covetousness.**” Jesus said, “*Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth*” (Luke 12:15). We will cover topics such as: “What is covetousness?” “What things are we not to covet?” “Why is covetousness so dangerous?” “Am I a ‘taker’ or a ‘giver’?”

Covetousness is one of the most destructive and prominent sins in our nation today! One Hebrew word for covetousness means “**to desire—to long for.**” It refers to “**an inordinate, ungoverned, selfish desire**” – a **lust** for money, possessions, alcohol, drugs, illicit sex, etc. It leads to the destructive addictions of drug abuse, pornography, and crimes of extortion, theft, robbery, murder, etc.

One Greek word for covetousness means “**to have more.**” A rich man was asked, “How much does it take to make a rich man satisfied?” He answered, “**Just a little bit more.**” Covetousness is **setting our affection on things we do not have.** Contentment allows us to enjoy what we have. When our souls are satisfied with Jesus, we stop desiring more of what this world has to offer. Hebrews 13:5 commands, “*Let your conversation (lifestyle) be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*” One song says it like this, “**I have Jesus, and that's enough!**”

Christ's final command was “*Go...and teach all nations...to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*” (Mt. 28:19-20). Our objective is to learn and to obey all **49 commands of Christ!** Jesus promised, “*If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love...*” (John 15:10). I invite you to join us for this Bible study.