

The answer to it is obviously to learn to trust the Lord with His provision and care for us. Contentedness is a willingness to accept God's love and care and be joyful with it. Covetousness is the last of these strong commands and a failure to observe this law results in strife and grief. But satisfaction with God...that is the key to blessing and health.

Conclusion to the Series

We have come to the end of our study in the Ten Commandments. Much more could be said about each of these and many illustrations could be gleaned from the Scripture. But as with many things we must be content with what can be said as well as being prayerful about its hearing. What may be added may be contributed by others and will need to come at another time as the Lord gives us opportunity to study the Word.

There are, however, a few things we need to think about inconclusion. First of these is that the law was purposed to enable us to know the will of God. It could not save us for we could not keep it. It cannot make us new of itself. But it does show us what God wants and in the light of our imperfection it challenges us to look to God for help. This help is provided by Jesus, one who perfectly kept the law in our behalf. We become lawkeepers through faith in Him. Without Him we are law-breakers at best.

The second item of attention is that the requirement of God is the same in every age. A comparison of Ecclesiastes 12:12¹⁴ and 1 John 3:23-24, will reveal this truth. In a few words, He requires perfect obedience and righteousness. This is found through accepting His commandments.

The first of these commandments is to believe on Jesus. "This is his commandment, tht we should believe on the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another." If one wonders why we come to this point so often, the