

Living In Relationship To God

The Ninth and Tenth Commandments

A Story:

Fortune magazine quotes a comment made by billionaire H. Ross Perot:

“Guys, just remember, if you get real lucky, if you make a lot of money, if you go out and buy a lot of stuff—its gonna break. You got your biggest, fanciest mansion in the world. It has air conditioning. Its got a pool. Just think of all the pumps that are going to go out. Or go to a yacht basin any place in the world. Nobody is smiling, and I’ll tell you why. Something broke that morning...Things just don’t mean happiness.”

Why is it that things don’t satisfy?

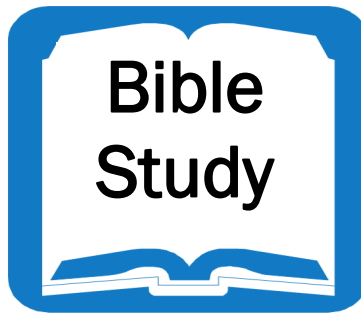
Why do people always want more things if they don’t satisfy?

If things don’t satisfy and bring happiness, what does?

Do you agree that the key to contentment is gratitude?

These commandments are particularly aimed at envy and nasty greed, so that God can get rid of the root causes of the harm we do to other people. God asks us to be content with what He gives us and not to be jealous of what He might give another.

From Luther’s Large Catechism



What do the following passages say about how we treat others?

Day One: Hebrews 13:5

Day Two: Romans 15:13

Day Three: 1 Peter 1:1

Day Four: Psalm 112:5

Day Five: Romans 13:14



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For Discussion:

Luke 12:13-21

Read the above passage and discuss the following questions:

1. Jesus says in verse 15 that one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he/she possesses. What does it consist of according to Luke 12:32?
2. Why was the rich man a poor steward according to verse 19?
3. God requires an accounting from His stewards. What was the rich man’s mistake according to verse 21?
4. What happened to the rich man because of his lack of proper stewardship according to verse 20?

Stewardship Truth

Living in relationship to God means that I am content with what He entrusts to me.