OFOILISH THINGS

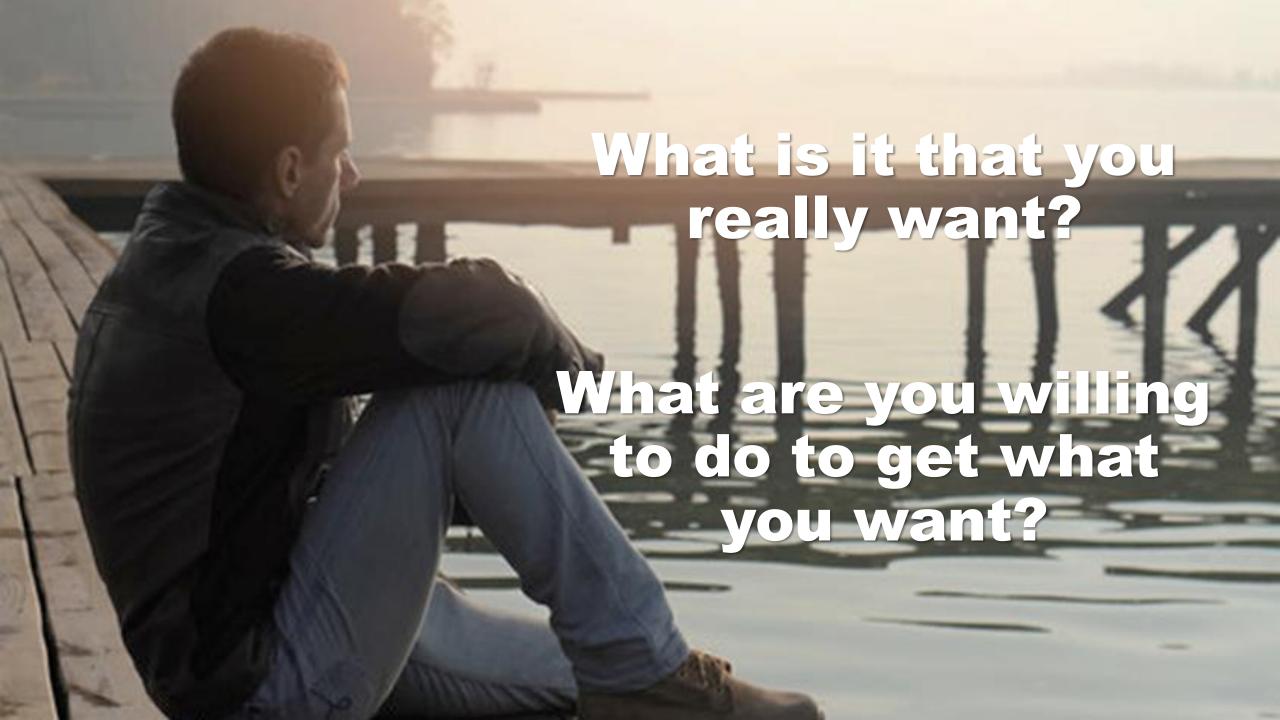
PEOPLE DO TO MESS UP THEIR LIVES

Exodus 20:17

Commandment #10 "Thou shalt covet" (Exodus 20:17)

FOOLISH THING #10

Becoming dissatisfied with God's plan for my life



"But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

1 Corinthians 12:31





COVET

"to pant over" an intense desire that won't leave; becomes consuming

COVETING

Wanting what God has not chosen to give us, especially when God has chosen to give it to someone else!

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- 2. God warns about coveting because it affects my <u>relationships</u>.
 - It puts a barrier between me and my neighbor.
- 3. God warns about coveting because it affects my <u>future</u>.
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house wife servants ox/donkey

ANYTHING

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

1 John 2:15

"If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory."

Colossians 3:1-4

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust corrupts, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupts, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Matthew 6:19-21

"And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses."

Luke 12:15

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"All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled."

Ecclesiastes 6:7





Blue Geo "The Smurf-mobile"

Covetousness is a reflection of your value system ...

- We covet most what we value most (what we believe to be good).
- What we covet most, we will sacrifice to get.
- Coveting is a crucial matter because it assigns value to certain things, and at the same time is willing to sacrifice other things to get what is coveted.

"Guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it flows the issues of life."

Proverbs 4:23

the problem with COVETING

It starts a process that will destroy me.



CONTENTMENT

Contentment & Coveting cannot live in the same house!



"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

How do we reject covetousness and learn contentment?

- 1) Think about what lasts.
- 2) Thank God for what I have.
- 3) Realize that true contentment is found in answer to the question What is it that I really want?

"Whom have I in heaven but you? And besides you, I desire nothing on the earth."

Psalm 73:25

Commandment #10

"Thou shalt not covet"

- Am I content with what I have?
- Am I obsessed with acquiring things that are not needs?
- Do I currently own anything that was purchased as a result of misplaced values?