

# BACK TO BASICS

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Exodus 20:17 (NLT)

You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

**Contentment means to be satisfied and happy with what we have and where we are in life.**

**What do we COVET?**

**o Possessions – Your neighbor's house.**

1 Timothy 6:10 (NLT)

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

**o People – Your neighbor's wife.**

Hebrews 13:4 (NLT)

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

**o Position – anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Mark 10:43-45 (NLT)

**43** But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. **45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Why do we COVET?**

**o We envy what other people have.**

- o **We are jealous of other's success.**
- o **We are discontent with our place in life.**
- o **We aren't grateful for the blessings of God.**

**"You are loved and I am cheering you on!"**

## **ACTION STEPS**

**Be content with where you are.**

Philippians 4:11 (NLT)

Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have.

**"Wherever you are, BE THERE!"**

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NLT)

**5** Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." **6** So we can say with confidence, "The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?"

**Be grateful for what you have.**

Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)

**18** Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

**Be ambitious for what you want to achieve.**

Philippians 3:14 (NLT)

**14** I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.