

If I just had "that" ... then I'd be Happy!

Ex. 20:17, Deut. 5:21, Luke 12:15, Col. 3:5

Why do people covet:

- Competitiveness
- Discontentment
 - Jealousy
 - Envy

A look at a covetous life: (Luke 12:13-34)

- Coveting doesn't limit itself to those with nothing. (v. 16)
- Coveting starts when we focus on self. (v. 17)
- Coveting takes over when we keep focusing on self. (vv. 18-19)
- Coveting destroys when we refuse to focus on God. (vv. 20-21)

Steps to contentment:

- Determine within yourself to focus more on spiritual traits, not physical things. (vv. 22-23)
- Rely more on the faithfulness of God. (vv. 24, 27)
- Be advised, worry has no positive effect on your situation. (vv. 25-26)
- Understand that worry is of the world, not of God. (vv. 29-30a)
- Have faith and know that God already sees your needs. (v. 30b, Heb. 13:5)
- Choose to serve Him, not yourself, to find true contentment. (vv. 31-33a)
- Don't forget, the things of this world will soon pass away. (v. 33b)
- Realize that whatever you value, you serve. (v. 34)

Points to ponder:

- Coveting is more than desire, it's desire gone awry / so watch what you're desiring! (Matt. 6:33)
- Coveting is more about the condition of your heart than the size of your wallet, so seek to be rich in the Spirit! (Luke 12:15, Tim. 6:10)
- Coveting is more concerned with self than others, so seek to serve others! (Matt. 25:40, Mark 10:45)
- Contentment, not covetousness, pleases God, so learn to be content! (Phil. 4:11)