

## GOD'S RULES FOR SUCCESS

The Passion To Possess

*Exodus 20:17*

**Coveting is the passion to possess something that someone else has, for ourselves. It is the \_\_\_continual\_\_\_ desire to have what we do not have and to not be \_\_\_satisfied\_\_\_ with what we do have.**

*Ecclesiastes 4:4; James 4:1-3*

### I. Why Was This Command Given?

A. So that our \_\_\_focus\_\_\_ would be right.

*Matthew 7:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:17; James 1:17; Deuteronomy 6:10-12; Genesis 3:6; Psalm 143:5-6; 145:2*

B. So that our \_\_\_priorities\_\_\_ would be right.

*Matthew 6:33; Matthew 22:37-38; Colossians 3:1-2*

### II. What Does This Command Mean To Us?

A. It means that we must \_\_\_guard\_\_\_ ourselves against covetousness. *Luke 12:15*

B. To guard against covetousness, we must be \_\_\_content\_\_\_. This means that I am \_\_\_satisfied\_\_\_ with everything that I have right now

*1 Timothy 6:6, 8; Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 4:11-13*

C. Two practices we must learn:

**1. Practice \_\_\_gratitude\_\_\_.**

Contentment: \_\_\_Satisfaction\_\_\_ with all I have right now

Gratitude: \_\_\_Appreciation\_\_\_ for all I have right now

a. *You can never be grateful until you learn to \_\_\_give\_\_\_ \_\_\_thanks\_\_\_.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

**2. Practice \_\_\_generosity\_\_\_.** *2 Corinthians 9:8-11*

a. *God gives more wealth to spend on \_\_\_others\_\_\_ than ourselves and in so doing, this generosity builds contentment and guards against covetousness*

D. God will provide the \_\_\_strength\_\_\_ in learning to be content. *Philippians 4:13*

### III. How Can We Use This?

A. Give God \_\_\_thanks\_\_\_ for three different areas of your life every day this week.

B. Purpose to \_\_\_give\_\_\_ generously to meet someone's need this week.

C. Do some act of \_\_\_service\_\_\_ for someone this week.

