



## Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - November 20, 2011

### Sermon

10 Commandments:

#### *"The Tenth Commandment"*

Exodus 20:17

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Things I want to remember  
about this sermon...

Monday 11/21/11

Exodus 20:17

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, wife, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. The New Oxford Dictionary defines "covet" as: "desire, yearn for, crave, have one's heart set on, want, wish for, long for, hanker after/for, hunger after/for, thirst for." This pretty much covers all varieties of wanting something someone else has that we want. It is wrong according to the tenth commandment and yet people still covet and go to great lengths to have something of their neighbor's.

Tuesday 11/22/11

Leviticus 6:1-7

In this scripture passage, God is passing down some guidelines to Moses about how people should live with their neighbors. Are you a good neighbor? There are many ways we can be unneighborly. Once we commit a sin against a neighbor, guilt will eventually follow. This passage not only suggests ways we can cheat, defraud, or steal from our neighbor; but it also suggests how we are to restore the relationship. We are to repay the principal amount and then add one-fifth to it.

Wednesday 11/23/11

Numbers 5:5-10

When we wrong our neighbor, according to this scripture passage, it results in breaking faith with the Lord. That's right: when we wrong our neighbor, we also wrong the Lord. It's all about community and we are connected to one another in a variety of ways. Making full restitution not only gets us back into a right relationship with our neighbor but also back into at right relationship with God! What do you need to do to restore your relationship with your neighbors and with God? Don't wait, whatever it is, to it today!



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

*What does your neighbor have that you covet?*

*Do you feel the pressure of keeping up with the Joneses?*

*How can you avoid coveting something that is not yours?*

*How can you be content with what you have already?*

Thursday 11/24/11  
Colossians 3:5-11

Here are some rules for living with our neighbors in the New Testament. "Do not lie to one another..." When we become a faithful believer, we become a new creation. The old part of our self is stripped away and we are clothed with a "new self." Sometimes we hear a story about this when a sinner is saved from a rough life. But all of us are "new creations" and our daily behaviors should reflect this day in and day out. Is your daily living evidence of a "new creation?"

Friday 11/25/11  
Mark 7:21-23

These words in the Gospel of Mark indicate clearly that evil intentions come from the heart. All the sins listed here come from within. Is your heart right with God? Cultivating a right heart is a daily process. If we neglect this, eventually our heart is not right with God and bad things well up from inside us. Get right with God each and every day! Spend time in prayer and devotion cultivating your heart and your soul. Then, the things that come out of you will be upright and pure. It all starts from the inside!

Saturday 11/26/11  
Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan is a story you've probably heard countless times. It all starts when a lawyer asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus' response is the parable of the Good Samaritan--a lesson in being a good and loving neighbor. The only problem was that Samaritans were deeply despised by the Jews and this lawyer. To them there was no such thing as a "Good" Samaritan. Are you neighborly and caring to everyone you meet, or are you selective in your neighborly actions? Jesus told this story about a person who showed mercy and he happened to be a Good Samaritan and then Jesus said, "Go and do likewise."