Sermon Outline

Freedom for Contentment

Exodus 20

1 And God spoke all these words: 2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 You shall have no other gods before me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything.

7 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

8 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work.

12 Honor your father and your mother.

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Theme & Goal:
Jesus Christ sets you free to be **C**  in Him.

The Ten Commandments do not set people **F** . The Ten Commandments **S**  what free people look like.

“True Freedom is not the **A**  of constraints; but the presence of **L**  constraints.” — Tim Keller

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Definition: to covet, to desire, take pleasure in, to delight

1. You shall have no other gods before me.

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10. You shall not covet.

Colossians 3:5

English Standard Version

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Covetousness is desiring something so much that we lose our contentment in God. Or it is our losing contentment in God so that we start to replace God with something else in our desires and contentment. – John Piper

I will be truly content and satisfied with Jesus Christ only if He gave me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Idolatry: You make a good thing into the ultimate thing.

Q: Is Jesus Christ not enough for you?

Idolatry is having or something in which you trust in place of or alongside of the only true God for your **I** , **S** , & **D** .

The Bible is God’s **C**  to our idolatry.

Mark 10:17-22

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

20 “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

* Commandments from 2-9 are the symptoms. Commandments 1 & 10 refer to the disease.

Q: money is the root of all evil?

1 Timothy 6:6-10

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Phillippians 4:11-13

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Hebrews 13:5-6

5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;

 never will I forsake you.”

6 So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

 What can mere mortals do to me?”

We kill the sin of **coveteousness** by believing God’s promises – That God will provide whatever we need to do his will and give him glory. – John Piper

That is, we kill the sin of **covetousness** by being satisfied with all that God promises to be for us through Jesus Christ. This is the great battle: to be satisfied in God. – John Piper

Psalm 37:4

English Standard Version

4 Delight yourself in the Lord,

 and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Personal Application

1. Fill in the blank: Jesus is not enough unless he gives me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Do you rejoice in tithing? Why or why not?
3. In your houseChurch ask the two questions above and share your answers.