

Exodus



A Daily Devotional Study Guide

Week 6

“Structure”

Study: Exodus 18:1-27

Reading: I Corinthians 6:1-11

Memory: Proverbs 3:21

What Does the Bible Say?

Moses had traveled with the Israelites back to the area where he had shepherded sheep for his father-in-law, Jethro. This is where his wife and two children had been living while he had been in Egypt delivering the nation of Israel. Jethro sent word to Moses that he was traveling out with Zipporah and Moses’ sons to meet him near the “mountain of God” where Moses had originally seen the burning bush. Moses must have been overjoyed to be reunited with his wife and children. We are not told how long they were apart, but we are told that Moses went out to meet them when he heard they were coming. Once they met, they started catching up on all the things that had happened to each other during this time of separation. Jethro was especially thrilled to hear about the great deliverance that God had provided for the children of Israel and how God had brought them up out of the land of Egypt (vs 1-9).

Jethro declared that the God of the Israelites was greater than all the other gods because of the power that was displayed through the deliverance of the Israelites. From the statements made here, it appears that Jethro had worshiped other gods, but now that he had heard about the great power of the God of Israel, he knew the God of Israel was the one true God and he chose to start worshiping God. He made a sacrifice unto God and invited Moses and the leaders of Israel to join in the feast in honor to God (vs 10-12).

On the next day, Jethro observed the daily routine of Moses and saw how people came to Moses from morning until evening. Moses listened to their disputes and was acting as judge over these issues. Jethro was concerned when he saw what was taking place because he knew that Moses was going to soon wear out from the constant flow of people that were coming to see him with their problems. One of the main difficulties was that they did not have a written law at the time so Moses was the one who knew the statutes that God had for His people so he was the most qualified to judge. Jethro knew that Moses could not do this alone and he

advised Moses that he needed to be a teacher and teach the ways of God to the people. If the people knew themselves what God wanted, they would have less of a need to have a judge. Jethro also instructed Moses to find men who loved and feared God so he could teach them directly the ways of God and they could be placed over the people to be their judges. Basically, he was instructing Moses to set up a tier system of judges. He suggested that Moses set up a judge to judge over ten families, then a higher judge to judge over 50 families, another to judge over 100 families and another to be the judge over 1,000 families. This model is what was used to set up the court system in the United States. With local judges, district judges, circuit court judges, appeals court, supreme court, etc. Jethro told Moses he needed to do this for himself and for the people so that Moses would not become too weary doing it all himself (vs 13-23).

Moses listened to the advice of Jethro and did as he said. The small cases were taken care of by the “lower courts” and for those large issues that couldn’t be decided by the other courts, Moses would make the decision. This was a great relief to Moses and I am sure it was a relief to Jethro as well. Jethro trusted that his family would now be taken care of and he left Zipporah and the boys with Moses and headed back to his home (vs 24-27).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you see the importance of structure? Even in a church it is easy for many people to think they need to talk to the pastor because he is the only one who has the answers, but this could be an overwhelming burden on the pastor. In my ministry to pastors. I have talked to many who have been overwhelmed because they feel pulled in many different directions. Many express how they miss out on time with their own family because they feel they are expected to be involved in too many things. I encourage them by reminding them that the pastor’s primary responsibility is to teach the Word of God to the people and to disciple others so they can lead. Having a proper structure is good for the leader and the people and the church. It is important to realize that God has given other spiritual leaders to help and assist and understand that God’s plan isn’t for all the responsibility to fall on one man.

Suggestions for Prayer

* *Thank God for the spiritual leaders in your life.*

What had Jethro heard about (vs 1)?

What were the names of the sons of Moses (vs 3-4)? Why do you think he named them this?

What did Jethro want to do (vs 5-6)?

What did Moses share with Jethro (vs 8)?

How did Jethro respond (vs 9-10)?

What did Jethro realize about God (vs 11)?

Why do you think Jethro decided to offer a sacrifice to God (vs 12)?

What did Jethro observe (vs 13)?

What did Jethro question Moses about (vs 14)?

What answer did Moses give (vs 15-16)?

What did Jethro realize about what was taking place (vs 17-18)?

Why is it important to realize that you are not able to do everything alone (vs 18)?

What did Jethro want Moses to keep doing (vs 19-20)?

What did Moses need to add to what he was already doing (vs 21-22)?

Why type of men was Moses to look for (vs 21)?

What did Jethro say would happen if Moses listened to his advice (vs 23)?

What important thing did Moses do (vs 24)?

How did they set their system up (vs 25-26)?

What can you learn from this passage?

“Delighting In His Word”

Study: Exodus 19:1-15

Reading: Psalm 119:1-16

Memory: Proverbs 3:21

What Does the Bible Say?

It had been three months since the Israelites left Egypt and now they were in the wilderness of Sinai where God was going to give Moses the Law. It appears that the pillar of cloud settled on top of the mountains and Moses started up Mt. Sinai to meet with God. While he was on his way up, a voice came from the top of the mountain to Moses. God declared to Moses that He had led the people out of Egypt and had showed His mighty power in their deliverance. What God desired of His people is that they obey Him and choose to keep the covenant He was going to make with them. If they chose to do this, they would be His treasured possession and they would be a nation that was set apart to live for Him and live under His favor. He wanted Israel to know that they would be a unique nation among the nations of the world because the God of the universe was going to be their personal God (vs 1-6).

Moses went to the leaders of Israel and told them everything that God had said. The people responded in agreement to follow God and obey what He commanded them to do. Moses went back to the Lord and reported what the people had said. God told Moses that He was going to reveal Himself on the top of the mountain in a thick cloud and the people would be able to hear God speaking to Moses and truly believe that Moses was being directed and led by God when He would reveal the Law to the people. It is unclear if the people would hear the actual words of God or if the presence of God on the mountain would be evident and they would know Moses was sharing the words of God (vs 7-9).

God instructed Moses to have the people wash their garments and clean themselves up. They were to prepare for the powerful and holy presence of God to come down upon the mountain. The people would only be able to go up so high on the mountain, and, if they went any further, they would die. The people could go up the mountain a certain distance when the trumpet blew so they could be close to the presence of God, but they could not go beyond the boundaries that were set. Moses

relayed this message to the people and told them to consecrate themselves and wash in preparation for this event. The idea of consecration was the idea of setting themselves apart from normal ordinary events to prepare themselves for something special. They were not to do the normal tasks of life during that time, nor were they to have sexual relations for those few days since their attention and focus was to be directed towards God. It does have to be remembered that in those days they did not have running water and showers were unheard of. Bathing and washing was not a common practice because of the lack of water. This was going to be a special event and God wanted the people to treat it as special (vs 10-15).

As a quick side note, notice the wording in this passage. God was going to appear to them on the “third day.” They were supposed to cleanse themselves today and tomorrow so on the third day they could meet God. Many people argue that Jesus could not have died on Friday because Sunday wouldn’t have been the “third day.” According to this account, if God talked to them on Friday (today) then tomorrow would be Saturday and the third day would have been Sunday. Jesus Himself said many times that He would rise on the third day

How Does this Apply to Me?

God was about to give many rules and regulations to His people, but He preceded the giving of these rules with the fact that He loved His people and wanted the Israelites to know how special they were to Him. He planned to bless them and cause them to prosper. He had so many wonderful things waiting for them and simply wanted them to obey Him and trust Him. As you think about the rules and regulations that you should follow as a follower of Christ, remember that these are not just rules without a reason and they are certainly not rules without love. God loves you and has your best on His mind. Remember this the next time you are tempted not to follow His desires for your life.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for His deep love for you.*
- * *Ask God to help you delight in the Law of His Word.*
- * *Praise God because His love for you is deeper than you can know.*

Thought for the day

What does the “third new moon” indicate (vs 1)?

Where were they camping (vs 2)?

****There are a few different proposed routes of the Exodus and a few different proposed locations for Mt Sinai. We have no definitive evidence of the exact location of this mountain.*

What did Moses do when they reached the mountain (vs 3)?

What did God say He had done for the nation (vs 4)?

What did God say that He wanted the people of Israel to be (vs 5)?

What did the Israelites need to do in order for this to happen (vs 5)?

What did God want to make them into (vs 6)?

What do you think this meant?

What did Moses do after God spoke to him (vs 7)?

How did the people respond (vs 8)?

****It should be noted that Moses did not talk to the few million Israelites all at once. He called the elders of Israel and the elders would take the messages to the people.*

How was God going to come to Moses (vs 9)?

What did God instruct the people to do (vs 10)? What do you think this meant?

What were they to be ready for (vs 11)?

What instructions did God give (vs 12-13)?

Why do you think these instructions were so particular (vs 14-15)?

“A Great God”

Study: Exodus 19:16-25

Reading: Jeremiah 29:10-23

Memory: Proverbs 3:21

I remember one night when my brother was 16 or 17 years old and he was out somewhere with friends. My parents told him to be home by 10:00 p.m., but that night he was late. I remember my parents waiting by the door a few minutes before 10:00 p.m. for my brother to arrive. When 10:00 p.m. passed and he wasn't home yet, I remember how my little Jr. High mind became a little excited to see how much trouble he would get into. He came in the door a few minutes after curfew and my dad let him have it. They ended up getting into some type of argument and things did not turn out well from that situation. By the time I was that age 3 or 4 years later, my parents had learned a few things and they didn't repeat the curfew watching with me.

Today, one of the things we will see about God is His great love for people. He is not watching your every move, waiting for you to mess up, but He longs for you to make the right choice because He knows what is best for you.

What Does the Bible Say?

The Israelites did as Moses commanded and purified themselves as they waited for the appearance of God. On the third day there came lighting and thunder in a very dark cloud that covered the top of Mount Sinai. There was also a very loud sound that was like a trumpet blast that shook the area, causing all the Israelites to tremble. Instead of moving away from this fearful sight, Moses led the people towards it so that they would be at the foot of the mountain. As they moved closer, the whole mountain became wrapped in smoke and God descended on the top of the mountain in a ball of fire. As this was taking place, the whole mountain shook and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder (remember it had already sent fear in their hearts the first time they heard it). Moses spoke to God and God answered Him with thunder. God then called Moses up to the top of the mountain to meet with Him and Moses started traveling up to the top of the mountain (vs 16-20).

We are not sure how far Moses went up the mountain before God spoke to him, but we are told that God spoke to him and told him to go back down and warn the people not to cross the barrier that had been established. If they did, they would lose their lives. Moses didn't really want to go back down and tell the people since he had already established barriers as God had said, but God told him to go down and bring his brother Aaron back up with him. God also wanted Moses to remind the people about the barriers again. Most likely this was because God knew the hearts of men and knew the tendency of some to attempt to defy the instructions they had been given (vs 21-25).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Do you realize the great power of God? Do you understand that you are just a very, very small part of this world? Yes, God loves you and you are vitally important to Him, but sometimes it is very easy to think that you are greater than you really are. If you do a study in the Bible about people who were confronted with the presence of God, you will see the common reaction of fear and trembling. The awesome presence of God is more powerful than you realize and greater than anything that humans can create. Though you may never see the power of God that was revealed here to the Israelites, you can see great power in many other things. You can also choose to trust what you read and humble yourself before the Almighty God.

Another thought from this passage is the desire of God not to want to harm those who disobey. He knew the people had been warned about crossing the line up the mountain, but He wanted Moses to give them another warning just to make sure. Sometimes, it is easy to think that God is waiting to bring punishment to you when you step across the line, but instead, He desires for you to obey and doesn't want to have to bring punishment to His children.

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for the great love that He displays to you.*
- * *Ask God to help you see His greatness.*

Thought for the day

What happened on the third day (vs 16)?

How did the people respond (vs 16)?

Why do you think they responded this way?

Where did Moses take the people (vs 17)?

Why do you think this is where Moses brought the people?

How did God display His presence on top of Mount Sinai (vs 18)?

How do you think you would have reacted to this?

What sounds were heard (vs 19)?

Why do you think they are described this way?

What does this reveal about the mighty presence of God?

What did God do (vs 20)?

What did God want Moses to warn the people about (vs 21-22)?

Why do you think God wanted to give them an extra warning?

What can you learn about God from this?

What did God require of his priests (vs 22)? Why?

Why did Moses question God (vs 23)?

Why do you think God emphasized that the people were not to break the barrier (vs 24)?

Why do you think God asked Moses to bring Aaron with him (vs 24)?

How did Moses choose to respond (vs 25)?

“Vertical Focus”

Study: Exodus 20:1-11

Reading: Galatians 4:8-20, Romans 14:1-12

Memory: Proverbs 3:21

What Does the Bible Say?

With Moses at the top of Mount Sinai, God began giving Moses the ten basic rules that would direct Israel into the holiness that God desired. Though God gave many other commandments to His people, these ten basic guidelines were to be the core of all the other instructions given to Israel. Before He started giving the guidelines, God reminded them that He was the God who brought them out of the nation of Egypt and delivered them from the bondage of slavery. Though God did not mention it directly here, it is clear He was reminding the people that if they followed these guidelines they would continue to see His power and provision in their lives (vs 1-2).

The first command that was given was for the Israelites not to place any other God before Him. The second command spells this out a little clearer as God described how they were not to make a carved image to represent God or any other item for the people to worship. They were not to bow down to any images that were made because God could not be contained or represented by any earthly object. This was completely against the norm of the society in that day. The nations all around Israel worshiped many gods and would bow before idols who represented the gods they worshiped. The people thought that their gods were pleased if they made images of them and bowed before them. The God of the Israelites would not be pleased with this because nothing would adequately represent Him. If they chose to make idols to represent Him, God would not take it lightly. Instead, He was a jealous God who wanted their faith, attention and obedience. Those who chose to disregard this command would be punished for their disobedience and the effects of this would be passed down through generations. Those who chose not to worship false gods would experience the opposite and would be blessed greatly by God (vs 3-6).

In the third commandment God told the Israelites not to use His name in vain. Basically, the Israelites were to have an honor and respect for the

name of God and not to use it like they would other words. It wasn't to be used as a curse word, nor was it to be spoken of in any way that would demean God. The purpose of this commandment was to keep a respect among the people for the name of God (vs 7).

The first four commandments dealt with the Israelites actions towards God, while the remaining dealt with how to treat one another. In the fourth commandment, God instructed Israel to keep the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as a special day that would be set apart for rest and worship. God established the need for rest when He created the earth and rested on the seventh day. God set that seventh day apart to be different than the other six days where they would work. God knew that man needed the break and He also knew that man needed a set day to take time to corporately worship Him. Though this command is not repeated in the New Testament and we can read that the New Testament church met on the first day of the week, the idea and principle of taking a day of rest and worship is still vital in our lives today. What that rest looks like will be different for different people, but God established the idea of the Sabbath day because He created man with a need for rest (vs 8-11).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Are you placing anything before God? The command that God gave to the Israelites about placing idols before Him is a little bit harder to know if you are obeying it or not in today's society. Obviously, if you take a carved image and pray to it or worship it, you are in violation of the law. There are religions that do this today, even religions that claim to be Christian. Yet, for many believers the thought of praying to some object seems futile and it is not really a temptation. At the same time, it is very easy to worship other things rather than God and to place them as a priority over Him in your life. This line is quite fuzzy, and it is at times hard to know if you are placing something else above God. The Holy Spirit who lives inside of you can reveal to you if you are placing anything above God in your life, and if you are yielded to Him, He will help you live with the right focus and perspective.

Are you taking time for proper rest and for corporate worship? There is often great debate about how much a person can or can't do on the "Christian Sabbath" (Sunday). The first thing to make clear is that there are no specific commandments given about this in the New Testament and there is really not a "Christian Sabbath." I personally believe that the principles of a weekly rest and weekly worship are what should be observed.

Why is it important to realize that the ten commandments were given directly from God (vs 1)?

Who did God say He was (vs 2)?

Why do you think He said this?

Why do you think God reminded them that He had brought them out of Egypt (vs 2)?

What was the first command (vs 3)?

Why do you think God gave this as the first command?

What do you think are ways that this second commandment can be broken in our society today (vs 4)?

Why did God say we shouldn't bow down to idols (vs 5)?

What do you think it means that God is a "jealous God" (vs 5)?

What do you think the generational curse given in verse 5 meant?

What would God do for Israel if they chose to follow Him (vs 6)?

How do you think the name of God can be taken in vain (vs 7)?

What day did God establish as a day of rest for Israel (vs 8)?

Who was supposed to follow the Sabbath day?

What did God say was the reason for the Sabbath day (vs 9-11)?

Why do you think God established a Sabbath day?

Do you think the command of the Sabbath should be followed today (vs 8)? Explain.

Should you still follow the ten commandments as a NT believer? Explain.

"Commands for Your Good"

Study: Exodus 20:12-14

Reading: Ephesians 5:1-16, Matthew 5:21-30

Memory: Proverbs 3:21

What Does the Bible Say?

The first four commandments that were given had to do with man's relationship with God. The commandments that followed dealt with man's relationships to each other. The first of these commandments declared how men were to honor their parents. When this command is repeated in Ephesians 6:2 we are told that this is the first commandment with a promise. In fact, out of the ten commandments, it is the only commandment with a promise. The promise is that those who honor their parents will be blessed for it. The picture of a long life in the Old Testament was more than just the number of days. It carried the idea that sin and foolishness would cut one's life short, often in a natural way, from the mistakes that were made and the natural consequences suffered. The phrase also implies the idea of a fullness in life. A life that would be pleasant and abundant. The same applies to us today as revealed in Ephesians 6:1-2. When you choose to honor your parents, one of the results will be a more full and more blessed life (vs 12).

The next five commandments are more basic commands that in a semi-moral society might seem to be "no brainers," but in societies that throw out absolutes, where our society is headed, right and wrong become relevant based on a person's opinion. Here, we are told not to kill others. It should be obvious that the purposeful taking of another individual's life is wrong (this is not the case in war as we will see further on in our study of the Bible). Though it may seem obvious, we as people are naturally selfish. If it seems best for us as individuals and we have no moral compass, the taking of another's life can happen without great thought or guilt. In most cases, if not all, murder is an extreme act of selfishness that hurts far more people than can ever be imagined. In the New Testament (Matt 5:21-26), Jesus compared anger to murder; if we harbor anger towards another is it comparable to murder (vs 13).

The next command deals with marital relationships as we are told not to commit adultery. Though adultery is not fully defined here, it is in

other places of the Bible. When a person is married, they are to be committed to that one individual they are married to. All their sexual relationships and interactions should be with that one person that they are married to. Jesus told us that even looking at another woman with lust is committing adultery in our hearts (Matt 5:28). In a sex crazed society, many look at this command as “old fashioned” or “out of touch,” God did not give this command to limit people or bring boredom in their life, but to bring about a fullness in life that couples find when they are involved in a loving, committed relationship (vs 14).

How Does this Apply to Me?

Are you honoring your parents? For some people, honoring their parents is simple because their parents are loving and godly. For others, honoring their parents is very tough because their parents were not good people. Yet, the command does not say to only honor good parents, but implies that all parents should be honored. What does that look like? You show them care, courtesy, love and choose to be respectful to them. You don't tear them down in front of others (especially your own children). You must choose to overlook their faults and love them as God loves them.

If you are reading this you probably have not been tempted to murder someone, but the idea behind murder is extreme selfishness. When you allow anger to fester in your life, you are taking one step closer to physical murder since selfishness and anger are the motives for the physical killings that you hear about each day.

Are you committed to your spouse? Sadly, adultery has become easier and easier in our society with the rise of the internet and the availability and access to pornography and online interactions. People often turn to these things not fully intending to commit adultery but just out of curiosity or to have some desire met. Your sexual and emotional desires should be met by your spouse only in marriage. This sin exists among believers today because we as humans are naturally designed to desire sex. Your sin nature can lead you to think that it will be better outside of marriage. The enemy knows that so he sets up the world system to draw your mind away from the truth. You need to be on guard against these attacks. The only way to do this is to find your fulfillment in Christ. When you are filled with Christ, you will be less likely to seek pleasures outside your own marriage. Being filled with Christ will lead to a full marriage and you will be less likely to seek other sources of fulfillment.

What command is in verse 12?

What do you think it means to “honor” your parents?

Is this always easy to do? Explain.

What do you think it looks like to honor your parents?

What promise is given to those who honor their parents?

What do you think this promise means?

Why do you think this is the only commandment given with a direct promise?

What commandment was given in verse 13?

Why do you think God had to give this command?

****Society wants to teach us that we are just animals. In an animal world, they kill each other for their own needs. Though most people in society would say murder is wrong, the belief that we are just animals has led many to not value human life as God does.*

How do you think a person can reach the point where they felt justified to take the life of another?

What commandment is given in verse 14?

What is adultery?

How can adultery be easily committed in today's society?

Why do you think there is less and less of a negative view of adultery in our society?

How has an increased acceptance of adultery affected our society?

“Looking To Him”

Study: Exodus 20:15-17

Reading: Philippians 4:10-20, Matthew 5:33-37

Memory: Proverbs 3:21

When I have taught classes on financial management, one of the suggestions that I have often given in saving money is to limit trips to stores and malls. The whole advertising industry is based on trying to attract you to buy something that you don't really need by making you think you need it. Many times, we don't know what we "need" until we see it and then that desire starts in our mind. The whole purpose of most advertising is to create a discontentment with what you have and fill you with a desire to have something that you most likely don't need.

Today, we are going to look at more commands given by God and see that God gave us these commands so that we could find our contentment in Him.

What Does the Bible Say?

"You shall not steal" (ESV) is a simple command, yet it has so many practical applications. Everyone reading this would say that stealing is wrong and most people in the United States would be against stealing, but it is something that takes place on a regular basis in the lives of many believers without a realization of what is going on. For instance, when you take something from your work place that belongs to your work place and keep it for your own personal use (even as simple as pens and pencils) this is stealing. Many employers report that theft from employees of little items costs them thousands of dollars each year. When you are not honest on your tax forms, that is stealing. The book of Proverbs talks many times about false weights that were used for merchants to cheat their customers. Stealing is a selfish act because it is taking advantage of someone else in order to get what we want. In corporate America, with big companies and organizations, it is easy to justify theft. Stealing might not be in objects alone, but could also extend to time. The gamut of theft is huge, and as a believer, you need to seek to live as honestly as possible (vs 15). Ephesians 4:28 says "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let

him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need."

Another way we need to treat others around us is found in the next commandment as we are told not to bear false witness against our neighbor. Jesus answered the question about who our neighbor is when he told the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Our neighbor is basically any person we come in contact with. We are supposed to be truthful with each person and about each person. Telling lies is something that often comes natural to many people because of our sin nature. For some, this is a greater temptation than for others. Ultimately, the reason we lie is because of a lack of trust in God. We lie to get an advantage for ourselves because we don't trust God to take care of things. We lie to hurt others because we ourselves want something that God might not want us to have. Sometime there are things that He has promised to us, but we are not willing to patiently wait for it so we lie. Just like stealing, the book of Proverbs is full of commands and references describing the great importance of truthfulness in all that you do (vs 16).

The last commandment given was the commandment not to covet. The idea of coveting is a desire to have something that God has not intended for you to have. Unlike the previous commands, God spelled out a few things that were common for people to covet. The list given is your neighbor's wife, servants, animals and then simply anything else. Just as with stealing and lying, the ultimate reason this takes place is because you are not trusting God to give you exactly what you need. I Timothy 6:10 says, "But godliness with contentment is great gain" (KJV). Learning to be content with what God has given you many times is difficult because what others have often seems much better. Yet, when you choose to trust in God and realize that He loves you deeply and has given you exactly what you need, you can choose to trust Him, rather than to desire what others have. When you find yourself struggling with a lack of contentment you will often find that there are areas in your life where you are not finding fulfillment in Christ. The more you seek after things, the less fulfilled you will be. The more you seek after Christ, the more satisfied you will be though you may have much less (vs 17).

Suggestions for Prayer

- * *Thank God for what He has given you.*
- * *Ask God to help you live a life of contentment.*
- * *Praise God because He knows exactly what you need.*

What command was given in verse 15?

What are ways that you see stealing take place on a regular basis in society?

Describe ways that you have been tempted to steal?

Why have you been tempted?

How can you avoid stealing things in your life?

What command was given in verse 16?

What do you think that command means?

Why do you think honesty is much harder for some people than for others?

Describe a time that you were tempted to be dishonest?

Explain why you think the temptation was strong? What did you learn from that temptation?

What is the last commandment given (vs 17)?

What do you think it looks like to covet your neighbor's house?

What do you think it looks like to covet your neighbor's wife?

What do you think it looks like to covet your neighbor's servants?

What do you think it looks like to covet your neighbor's equipment?

Why do you think God also included "anything" of "your neighbor's" at the end of verse 17?

When are you personally tempted to covet the most?

How can you fight off the temptation to covet?

Memorization

(review this week's memory verse)

Proverbs 3:1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, 2 for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. 3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. 11 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, 12 for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights. 13 Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, 14 for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. 15 She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. 16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed. 19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; 20 by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew. 21 My son, do not lose sight of these— keep sound wisdom and discretion,