

## BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS

**Key Verse: - Heb 13: 5-6** *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because Yahweh has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”<sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence, “Yahweh is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?*

In a world filled with selfish desires, it is important that we know the difference between the desires that are acceptable to Yahweh and the desires that exceeds the bounds that He has set. Covetousness covers not only money and goods but anything “that is thy neighbours”. In the Hebrew it is the selfish desire for your neighbours possession, or for dishonest gain. It also means greed, and lustings.

### A HEART CONDITION

- a) Mark 7:22-23 A sin that defiles
- b) Eze 33:31 prevents obedience to Yahweh’s word
- c) 1 Pet 2:14 Brings a curse
- d) Col 3:5, Eph 5:5 Why do you think that covetousness is idolatry?
- e) 1 Tim 6:10 Note that it is “the love of money” and not just money that is the root of all evil. Other versions state that it is “a root of all kinds of evil.” Greed and desire to possess gives rise to all kinds of evil deeds, and compromises.
- f) 2 Tim 3:2, 2 Pet 2:1-3 Shall abound in the last days.

### THE FRUIT OF COVETOUSNESS

- a) Micah 2:2 Unlawful oppressions
- b) 1 Tim 6:9 Ruin and destruction
- c) 1 Tim 6:10 Departure from the faith and misery
- d) 2 Kings 5:22-25 Lying and deceit
- e) Josh 7:21 Theft
- f) Pro 28:22 poverty

### OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS COVETOUSNESS

- a) Ex 18:21 to be hated Pro 28:16.
- b) Col 3:5 It belongs to the earthly nature that must be put to death.
- c) 1 Cor 6:10, Eph 5:5 Excludes us from the Kingdom of Messiah
- d) Luke 12:15 Beware of it.
- e) 1 Cor 5:11 Avoid saints who are like this.
- f) Psalms 119:36 Make it a matter of prayer.

**Think on these things: -**

***Righteousness with contentment is great gain. We do not always have what we desire, but prayer, and trust in Yahweh is the means that Yahweh has provided for our needs to be met. Let us not allow the prevailing spirit of the age to dominate our lives. This sin can keep us out of the Kingdom of Yahweh.***