

Confirmation Class  
March 14, 2010  
Ninth & Tenth Commandments

- 1) Select students ahead of time to read silently and then illustrate the example on page 46 of *Keeping the Faith* book. (*What's the difference between wishing and sinful lusting?*) Then hand out today's worksheet.
- 2) Take Memory Work
- 3) Review Memory Work:

*You shall not covet your neighbor's house.*

What does this mean?

*We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.*

*You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

What does this mean?

*We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.*

- \*4) List 10 things you wish you could have.

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- \*5) How would you feel if you received all of these things? \_\_\_\_\_

- \*6) How long do you think you would feel this way? \_\_\_\_\_

- \*7) Together let's read the parable in Luke 12:16-21. What was on this man's "wish list?" What did God call him? What was missing from his life?

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*\*(From Faith Alive: Applying Luther's Catechism)*

8) To covet means to have an inordinate desire for or envious desire for something. In general it is a negative term and it is used in our commandments as a description of something sinful. However, you may hear people use the word as they describe strongly desiring something positive, such as:  
*(See bottom of page 45 and top of page 46 in Keeping the Faith)*

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9) Another word for sinful coveting is \_\_\_\_\_ which means “intense, wicked wishing.”

10) There is a clear difference between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> commandments. The \_\_\_\_\_ commandment refers to our neighbor’s “things” and the \_\_\_\_\_ commandment refers to our neighbor’s “relationships” and about faithfulness and responsibilities. We are to build up relationships rather than tear them down.

11) Coveting involves sinful thoughts and feelings. It is not a behavior that is always “seen” or noticed. However, it is known by \_\_\_\_\_. It starts in our hearts and often can lead to sinful actions.

12) When we are unsure we have “crossed the line” and begun to covet, we can trust God’s Word, through His Law, to guide us. Read Romans 7:7.