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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Lesson 12: "Ninth and Tenth Commandment" (L12)
Year 1 (7th Grade)

After completing this lesson, the student will:

- *Memorize the 9th and/or 10th Commandment and meaning.
- *Grow in the importance of contentment in a life of a Christian.
- *Complete The 10 Commandment Tablet.
- *Give thanks and praise for God's blessings in their lives.
- *Be able to discuss/learn the danger of coveting in their lives.
- *Know what is commanded and forbidden in The 9th/10th Commandments.
- *Grow in appreciation of all of God's blessings in their daily lives.

1. Introduction:

Watch video: (Parents are to meet with students during instruction with this commandment).

2. Continuation of 10 Commandment Tablets: 10 Words to be used in the tablets:

GOD, *MARRIAGE and SEXUALITY*, *POSSESSION*, **COVETING PEOPLE**, REPUTATION,
GOD's WORD, **GOD'S NAME**, AUTHORITY, *LIFE*, *COVETING THINGS*.

3. Food for the Poor (FFTP) is a joint ministry that includes a number of LCMS churches and clergy. It gives billions of dollars to the Caribbean area in terms of food, water and shelter. 97%+ of their donated funds go directly to this mission.

- a. According to FFTP, 1/2 people in the world would prefer to live in your _____
As it offers better protection and is more weather resistant.
- b. According to FFTP this 1/6 people in the world would prefer to eat your _____
As it is more nutritional and there is much more of it.
- c. The point, we Americans can be very content with the blessings we have.

4. Pass out a sheet of paper to each student, tell them that you would give them each 1 million dollars if they could prove to you their need to receive it. What would they need 1 million dollars for? Give them 2 minutes for the list and discuss the validity of their need for the million dollars. Were there valid reasons? What did you learn?

5. On a separate piece of paper, write out the 9th commandment and meaning found on p. 89 twice and write out the tenth commandment and meaning found on p. 91 twice.

6. Grab your 2nd tablet, look at question #2, write down below and on the tablet the word or phrase that relates most directly to The 9th and 10th Commandments.

Answer five out of the next seven 7.....8.....9.....10.....11.....12 Circle the ones you will complete.

7. Open up your Catechism to P. 89, Read question #63.

A. What is coveting?

B. Read Bible verses #212-213, list 6 things people covet according to that.

C. In your opinion, is coveting more from one's actions or one's heart.

8. Go to p. 90. Read question 64. What coveting does God forbid in the 9th commandment?

A. Look at Bible verse 215, Fill in the blanks.

1 Timothy 6:8-10, "If we have _____ and _____, with these we will be _____. But those who _____ to be rich fall into _____, into a _____ snare, into many senseless and _____ desires."

9. Read question 65 on pp. 90-91.

A. What two things does God require of us in the Ninth Commandment?

B. What is contentment? Choose Bible verse 216, 217 or 218 and write out the one that touches you when it comes to the gift of contentment.

10. Read question 66 on p. 91, What does God forbid in the 10th commandment?

- A. What's the difference between the 9th and 10th commandment? What is being forbidden to covet in each one?
 - B. *"Bible Narratives,"* Choose one, Explain David's sin of coveting or Absalom's sin of coveting?
 - C. Read Question 67 on p. 92. What two things are required of us in the Tenth Commandment?
 - D. *"Bible Narrative,"* (Book of Philemon) How did Paul keep this commandment?
11. Read question 68 on pp. 92-93. What two things does God impress upon us in the last two commandments?
- A. Read Bible verse, #222, what was the desire that Eve had in the Garden. How did that work out?
 - B. Read Bible verse #226, Name 5 particular things listed that we can desire and think about that would be good for you?
12. COVETING AND CONTENTMENT ACTIVITIES;
- A. List 5 things you have that you are grateful for.
 - B. If I gave you \$10,000 to shop at Meijer/Kohl's/Menards or Walmart. What would you buy? List them. Now place N next to each item if you NEED it or W next to each item if you WANT them. Is there a difference between want and need? How does that relate to these two commandments?

- C. WALK AROUND; In the past 10 years Pastor Mews has been to two unique places;
1. WASHINGTON, IL, In November of 2013 a devastating Tornado went through Pastor Mews' former hometown of East Peoria, IL and the city east of it, Washington, IL. It damaged nearly 1000 homes, destroyed over 350 homes, including 5 of his member's homes. On Thanksgiving, members of his church went to the LCMS Church there to help with clean up. The next month, Pastor Mews drove through the streets of Washington, IL that had debris piled up 12 feet high on either side of the road for miles with damaged/ruined goods from toys to cars to appliances.
 2. ORLANDO, FL, In January 2020, Pastor Mews and his family went to Disney World and Universal Studios in Florida. One day he went to the Magic Kingdom and the next two days he went to both parks at Universal Studios and then had a hopper pass for all Disney Parks the next day. The last day, his family spent time at Disney Springs filled with many acres of prime eating and shopping.
- A. At which site do you think Pastor might have more temptation for coveting and desiring and jealousy? Why?
- B. At which site to you think Pastor Mews would have a sense of gratitude and contentment? Why?
- C. How might both sites affect you? Explain.
- D. What does it mean to be jealous? What commandments might be broken if a person is jealous of;
1. Someone else's possessions? _____
 2. Someone else's spouse or friends? _____
 3. Someone else's looks? _____
 4. Someone else's authority? _____
 5. Someone else's accomplishments and abilities? _____

Closing prayer- *"Dear Lord, the world seeks after wealth and all that mammon offers, yet never is content, though gold should fill its coffers. I have a higher good, content with it I'll be, My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me? Amen."* LSB, #730, "What is the World to Me."