

WORD OF THE WEEK

The Subject: Covetousness

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Ephesians 5:5 - A covetous man is an idolater.

Colossians 3:5 - Covetousness is idolatry.

covetousness - Greek: pleonektes: to want more; greediness

Covetousness simply means to "want more". Men who are covetous will deceive and do whatever is necessary to obtain "more" while justifying themselves for their greed. Every man is covetous by nature until God deals with him and causes him to repent (turn from self to God). The word devil (daimon) means to distribute fortunes. A covetous man who "wants more" has a devil. Covetousness is the idolatrous worship of self. It is an idolatry as evil as falling down before Baal, the golden calf, or one of the ancient pagan deities of Rome or Babylon. Paul said, "having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." (1 Tim 6:8) He also said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Phil. 4:11) Men are involved in idolatry when they refuse to be content with what they have. Their hearts cry out, "I want more." America repent of this evil you've mothered and tried to sell as righteousness.

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