

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## PREPARING FOR ETERNITY

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### PART 12: COVETING 101

#### **COVETING**

God doesn't want you to look upon the possessions of your neighbor and lust after them. Coveting leads to murder and war. **Exodus 20:16**

Covet: Desire ardently (especially something that another person has); crave, long for; a feeling of discontent and ill will because of another's advantages, possessions, etc., resentful dislike of another who has something desirable.

#### **CAIN & ABEL**

Cain was jealous of Abel's relationship with God and desired the same close relationship. The problem was that Cain didn't want to come to God on His terms. He was unwilling to change and decided if He could not have the love of God, neither would Abel. **Genesis 4:1-8**

#### **KING DAVID**

King David had several wives and concubines but he was still not content. God set it up from the beginning for a man to only have one wife so that they could become one flesh. David was not living in God's perfect will. **Genesis 2:21-25**

David built his house taller than any other in Jerusalem so he could look down upon the roofs of other people in the city. Roofs in those days were flat and used as a patio during the cool of the morning and in the evenings. David stood on his roof and saw a beautiful woman taking a bath. He desired Bathsheba even though she was married to one of his most faithful soldiers. He allowed the spirits of adultery, dishonesty and murder to take control of his soul. **2 Samuel 11:1-27, 12:1-15**

#### **KING AHAB**

King Ahab had more money and possessions than any of the other people in Israel but he wasn't satisfied and wanted more. He coveted the vineyard of Naboth that was next to his palace. He offered Naboth money and acted like a petulant child when he was rebuffed. Jezebel came to console Ahab and instigated a political murder to appease her husband. Ahab could have told her not to kill Naboth but the greed was too great and he was willing to get the vineyard by any means necessary. **1 Kings 21:1-29**

#### **JEWISH LEADERSHIP**

The high priest of Jerusalem and his family had made the Jewish religion into a lucrative business. Supporting this religious monopoly were the Pharisees and the scribes, who made a good living from this enterprise and were quite upset when a carpenter from Nazareth challenge their system. The religious leaders were not willing to give up their great wealth and political power that stemmed from the business in the temple. To make matters worse, their members started to leave in droves and join Jesus and His new



religion. As a result, their income started to drop, and people did not pay attention to them anymore. Those who were part of this monopoly lived a sinful life and coveted Jesus' miraculous power. The only solution for them was to have Jesus killed in order to maintain their way of life. **Matthew 26:1-5, 14-17, 47-75, 27:1-26**

Do you need to repent? **1 John 1:5-10**

***Do you plan to start and finish your classes?***