

Honor All Relationships

Case Study Handout

Family Discussion

Consider the following life situations – decide whether or not they are coveting ...

Bill: bought a new golf club today. It's not that he doesn't already have golf clubs, but this is the hottest thing on the market! He has plenty of money to buy any "toy" he wants.

Yes – This person is coveting	No – This person is not coveting

Joyce: her living room furniture isn't really worn. It isn't even used that often. But it is so out of date. Joyce has been looking at sofas at every opportunity. Is she guilty of coveting?

Yes – This person is coveting	No – This person is not coveting

John: He was listening to his neighbor go on and on about the recent overseas trip he and his wife took. John had always thought traveling was something he and his wife would do when he retired. Then John had a serious stroke, and now traveling overseas seems out of the question. John feels depressed as he hears his neighbor talking.

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Mary: She saw Jennie at church today wearing a new outfit. Mary realized she has been wearing her best dress for several seasons. Jennie's new outfit made Mary feel shabby.

Yes – This person is coveting	No – This person is not coveting

What exactly is the sin of coveting?

- Combination of greed and envy
- Greed ⇒ insatiable desire for more and more stuff for ourselves
- Envy ⇒ wanting what others have

As you can see from the case studies, it can be very subtle!