

Covet the Friend of Desire:

*Desire, wanting, longing for, craving, yearning for, envy and lust all have the same origin. That is the hunger for more. It's the opposite of being **content**. The constant thirst for that what we do not have. The unsatisfied heart, the cause of depression and misery, it's the disposition of a fool.*

There is so much life to be lived right in our hands, yet we are self adsorbed in that which we don't have rather than that in which we do have. There is always something more that we require to make us content, always maneuvering never satisfied. Happiness is viewed as something strived for, never something gained. Yet when wisdom is shown, happiness is seen as not having everything you want... but enjoying everything you have.

Dt 5:21 Neither shalt thou **desire** thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou **covet** thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Desire # 02530. *khaw-mad'; to delight in, as in beauty, greatly beloved, covet, delectable thing, of great delight, goodly, lust, wanting of a pleasant thing or a precious thing, the want of physical human flesh.*

Covet # 0183. *aw-vaw'; to want for: crave, greatly desire, be desirous, long, lust after a physical substance, a thing.*

Desire and Covet, starting point or origin of action is the attitude of the heart. This is the reason that the last of the words Yahweh spoke from the mountain instructs us to look inward.

Ex 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

All other outward behavioral issues as lying, stealing, adultery, dishonoring, and idolatry begin with inner corruption. First the desire is conceived and then the action will eventually follow.

Jm 1:14~15 But every man is tempted, **when he is drawn away of his own lust**, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

That's where the root problem lies and that's where it must be confronted. Yah is not interested in forced compliance, He is interested in self will commitment. That's why Yah spares using His wrath; in forcing you to comply, but rather uses situations to persuade, known as; cause and effect, instructions leading you to submit to the truth willingly.

*True worship is stated as: the respect given back to Yah when I recognize that it is my duty to serve Him because He is my God. **This is voluntary commitment**, not power-based obedience.*

So the origin of covet and desire begins with my attitude, my inner motivation. If my heart is in the right place, I will never break this principle of giving respect to Him and others. If it's not, I (the inner me) will always be fighting self in refusing to give honor and respect as I have been shown and taught to do, which is my act of service.

Jm 1:19~25 ¶ Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, **deceiving your own selves**. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of

liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, **but a doer of the work**, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

*One also has an option in concealing self's inner desires, denying the vision in the mirror by control my outward actions in appearance. One can restrain self from stealing and lying, hiding adultery and dishonoring Yah in the open. That's a matter of **discipline** when in public, the outward look of being holy. But Yah is asking me to control my thoughts, my desires, and my wants when no one is watching, but Him!*

*Yah is really expecting me to exercise mind-control. We will not be able to eat from the tree of life until we live according to the knowledge of good verses evil. Our desire from within, should always be choosing that which is good, even when no ones watching. Life becomes relevant and real when we stop knowing what we should be and start becoming that which is in the likeness of the son...through **doing**, seen by **our actions**.*

*Self justification states: the thoughts of our mind are beyond control, and we cannot control our spiritual world. Their personal and no one can see them. Perhaps it started with the science of psychology with the separation of the mind (**reasoning**) from the body (**action**)? Perhaps it's because our Greek-based philosophy viewing emotions as wildly uncontrollable? Perhaps it's because in the world where self-reason is seen as truth, we allow the mind to have free rein of thought as if that were a virtue in itself? Then convinced that we had no control over our thoughts, we can plead temporary insanity. It wasn't really me...it was my emotions, taking control of self. The difference of reacting verses responding, feelings verses thought. So who was it if it was not me, myself or I?*

No matter where the rationalization beginnings, the result is foolishness from Yah's point of view. The very fact that Yah commands us to overcome self, means; we are responsible for our thoughts and that they can be brought under control, according to the direction of Yah's truth.

2 Cor 10: 3~6 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God **to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations** (*reasoning's*), and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;** And having in a readiness to revenge all **disobedience**, when your obedience is fulfilled.

*Notice the **strong holds** that are mentioned here to be **pulled down** or removed. **Imagination's**, every **thought**, every **high thing that exalts** it's self against others. It means that we must put our will, our mind, our emotions and our choices under control of His direction, His will. All the strong holds mentioned here are lustful desires of the inner self. These are not visible seen by others until they are put into action, which at that point is sin. They are sin ready to be acted upon, just waiting at the door of our heart to step out.*

We are called at this time to clean our houses of the leaven, meaning; sin in our lives in preparation of His Kingdom. Not only the physical outward cleaning of the vessel in which Yah's Spirit lives, but the inward sanctuary were our thoughts are generated. We are taught not to just vacate our old self, leaving yourself void, but replaces those evil desires that separate us from Yah and others with desires that show love...out going concern for others.

Lk11:24~26 When the **unclean spirit** is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, **I will return unto my house whence I came out**. And when he cometh, **he findeth it swept and garnished**. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that **man** is worse than the first.

*A house left void is just like a sign saying; "**VACANT**" just looking for an occupant. We must fill it with love, in doing so we force out evil.*

*The opposite of covet and desire is **contentment**, meaning; self complacent, self-satisfied, anxious for nothing, content, comfortable, happy, pleased.*

Phil 4: 10~13 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of **want**: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be **content**. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.**

1Ti 6: 6~12 But godliness with **contentment** is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be there with **content**. But they that will be **rich** (*covet and desire for more*) fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of **money** (*the desire for more*) is the root of all evil: which while some **coveted** after, they have erred from the faith, and **pierced themselves** through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Yahweh concludes His spoken words to man from the cloud atop of the mountain with the cause of all sin. The desires of wanting more than you have. Putting yourself before others, craving dominance over others and their possessions. As we want that which is not ours, we become our own personal god and serve its selfish desirers.

*Ex 20:17 You must **not want** to take your neighbor's house. You must not **desire** his wife, or **covet** his male servant, or **imagine** having his female servant, or **consider** his ox, or **feeling like taking** his donkey, or **wanting, craving** anything that belongs to your neighbor's. (AOBM)*

Yah ends with words of warning about following self; that will lead man into sin, the desire of the heart, which will corrupt the inner you. Conversely Yahweh started with instructional words to man from the cloud atop of the mountain which will give them the key to long live.

Ex 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. **Not even self!!!**

Read: Ps 51:1~19 verse 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Lu 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

It is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy all that follow it. A discontented mind is a prisoner of the happiness that lies' before him. It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is truly poor.

*Those that will not be content with their allotments
Shall not have the comfort of their achievements*

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