

## AfterThoughts

April 3, 2022

**Sermon Title:** The Tenth Commandment: The Desires Of The Heart

**Scripture:** [Exodus 20:17](#)

This week, Pastor David completed the sermon series on The Ten Commandments with a look at the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment.

1. **The Disordered Desires Of Our Heart**
2. **Our Hope In The Face Of Our Disordered Desires**

### Going Deeper:

- The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment is different than the commandments that precede it. This one is internal, and no one but God knows when you break it. How does this make obedience more challenging?
- Pastor David shared that, since the Fall, the desires of our heart have been disordered. More often than we want to admit, we desire the wrong thing, the wrong way, at the wrong time, and for the wrong reason. In what way(s) have your desires been disordered?
- The antidote to our disordered desires is contentment. Pastor David shared two practical steps to learning contentment: cultivating godliness and gratitude. What changes do you need to make to cultivate contentment in your life?

### Additional Information:

*"The conversation of most middle-class Americans revolves around consumption: what to buy, what was just bought, where to eat, the price of the neighbor's house, what's on sale this week, our clothes or someone else's, the best car on the market this year, where to spend a vacation. Apparently, we can't stop eating, shopping or consuming. Success is measured, not in terms of love, wisdom and maturity but by the size of one's pile of possessions."*

~ Brendan Manning

IF ONLY

*It was Spring, but it was Summer I wanted: The warm days and the great outdoors.*

*It was Summer, but it was Fall I wanted: The colorful leaves and the cool, dry air.*

*It was Fall, but it was Winter I wanted: The beautiful snow and the joy of the holiday season.*

*It was Winter, but it was Spring I wanted: The warmth and the blossoming of nature.*

*I was a child, and it was adulthood I wanted: The freedom and the respect.*

*I was 20, but it was 30 I wanted: To be mature and sophisticated.*

*I was middle-aged, but it was 20 I wanted: The youth and the free spirit.*

*I was retired, but it was middle-aged I wanted: The presence of mind without limitations.*

*My life was over, and I never got what I wanted.*

~ Author Unknown

[Genesis 3:6](#)

[Romans 7:7](#)

[1 Timothy 6:6](#)

[Philippians 4:11-13](#)

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gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

~ Numbers 6:24-26

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