

## **The Tenth Commandment WSC # 79-81 and WLC # 146-148**

### Five General Principles

1. This is the only commandment that speaks exclusively of an internal state of the heart. (Romans 7:7, Proverbs 4:23).
2. Breaking this commandment leads to breaking other commandments (James 1:14-15, Colossians 3:5). Consider Adam's original sin.
3. We are required to be content with our own condition  
(Hebrews 13:5, I Timothy 6:6-8, Proverbs 30:7-9).
4. We are required to have a charitable spirit to our neighbor and all that is his. (Romans 12:15, Galatians 5:25-26, James 3:14-16).
5. C leads to d (Titus 3:3-6, I Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 5:5).

### Learning to Be Content

1. Be content with God and the ways of the Lord (Psalm 73:25-26 and Colossians 3:1-3).
2. Remember that God does all things for his own glory and our own good. (Romans 8:28, Ephesians 1:12-13).
3. "Afflictions and privations are part of his wise and loving plan" (II Corinthians 4:17-18 and 12:10).
4. "Had we the talents and positions of others, we would be unfit for our work" (Ephesians 4:11-13).
5. "It is our privilege to co-operate with others for the good of all" (Galatians 6:2 and I Corinthians 12:12-31).
6. F in Christ frees us from worldly cares (Philippians 4:10-13, I Peter 5:7).