

May 10, 2020 - Good morning Confirmands! Theresa here.

This is your LAST lesson for the year, and for some of you your final Confirmation lesson. 8th graders will have their Confirmation ceremony via Zoom next Saturday:)

I have enjoyed working with all of you! I love your enthusiasm, humor, intelligence, & willingness to participate! It has been a fun year!

On to our lesson and final Commandment..."You shall not covet. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." - Exodus 20:17. Have you ever gone to your mom or dad begging for a toy, or something? They say "no" but you go on to say (beg) "but so & so has it...I HAVE to have it!" 🙄 You want it sooooo bad...you go to Grandma...casually talk her in to taking you shopping. Oops...you "accidentally" come across that coveted item. You look at your Grandma with your special grandchild eyes & let her know how much you really want it. She asks, "what did your parents say about it?" You tell her they said it was "ok" ...THAT'S coveting!! Wanting something sooooo bad that you may resort to some scheming or manipulating to get it. So, we are commanded not to covet our "neighbor's" possessions, or relationships.

This is tough in a world where we are bombarded by ads full of fun & shiney things that are really good at convincing you that you NEED the newest I phone because it has 3 cameras instead of 1, a society where some people are living above their means & others are wanting to "keep up with the Joneses".

So, your question for this week: Your friend appears to have everything: looks, good grades, money, a great family. You start to become aware that you are jealous. What do you do?