

DISCUSSION & REVIEW QUESTIONS:

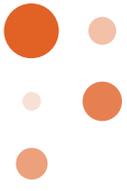
- Towards the beginning of the video, we learn from Mr. Prager that, "...the first thing to understand is that this is the only one of the Ten Commandments that legislates thought. All the other Commandments legislate behavior." What kind of behaviors and consequences could come from coveting? Why do you think it is so important to actually set as law a prohibition of this type of thought?
- Mr. Prager answers this last question by stating, "Because it is coveting that so often leads to evil." How exactly can this happen? What are the steps involved that go from coveting to committing heinous acts?
- Mr. Prager explains that, "To covet is much more than "to want." The Hebrew verb, lachmod means to want to the point of seeking to take away and own – something that belongs to another person." Why is this distinction between 'want' and 'covet' so important to understand? What do you think compels a person to go beyond simply wanting or envying all the way to coveting?
- Mr. Prager shares perhaps the most important point in the video when stating, "It is when you want – and seek to gain possession of – the specific house, car, or spouse that belongs to another that evil ensues. And that is what the Tenth Commandment prohibits." Thus, clearly, there is a significant difference between wanting a Ferrari 612 and wishing to own the particular Ferrari 612 sitting in your neighbor's garage. Why do you think that some people mistakenly confuse or equate the two conditions, especially when interpreting the Tenth Commandment? Do you think that simply understanding the difference between the two conditions could help some people covet less? Why or why not?
- Mr. Prager concludes the video by warning us that, "Whatever belongs to another person must be regarded as sacrosanct. We cannot seek to own anything that belongs to another. Because only evil can come of it." What strategies could people employ to value other's possessions as sacrosanct, rather than as 'fair game?' How does this commandment fit into the overall scheme of the Ten Commandments to help humans form a good and civilized society?

EXTEND THE LEARNING:

CASE STUDY: Miguel Hernandez

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the article “Court docs: Man killed for sleeping with another man’s wife,” then answer the questions that follow.

- Who was Miguel Hernandez, and what did he do? Who is Candelario Cruz-Trujillo, and what is he accused of doing?
- Do you think that Mr. Hernandez broke the Tenth Commandment? Why or why not? What were the consequences of Mr. Hernandez’s actions, and how many people were affected by his actions? Which commandment did Mr. Hernandez’s actions compel Mr. Cruz-Trujillo to allegedly break?
- What does this case reflect in terms of observing the Ten Commandments and having a good and civilized society? How hard is it to not covet?



QUIZ

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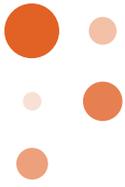
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JOHNSON COUNTY, Ind. (WISH) — According to court documents, an Indianapolis man killed another man that had been having an affair with his wife.

Candelario Cruz-Trujillo faces murder charges [for the shooting of Miguel Hernandez](#).

According to court documents, Hernandez had been having an affair over the past year with Cruz-Trujillo's wife, Isabel.

On the morning of Sept. 30, the Greenwood Police Department was dispatched to the Four Seasons restaurant in Greenwood.

Hernandez had been shot multiple times in the parking lot. A witness described seeing a maroon Ford truck leaving the scene.

Investigators spoke with Hernandez's wife, Anastasia, who told them about the affair. She said that her husband had been in an affair with Cruz-Trujillo's wife, Isabel. Investigators said that Cruz-Trujillo had recently become aware of the situation and had once visited Hernandez's home in a red or maroon Ford pickup truck, leading to the police being called. Cruz-Trujillo left before police arrived.

Police were able to track Cruz-Trujillo to a residence in Seymour. They found a maroon Ford F-150 registered to Cruz-Trujillo with large amounts of blood on the steering wheel and in the inside of the cab.

Cruz-Trujillo was eventually taken into custody for operating while never receiving a license. Police say that during an interview, Cruz-Trujillo admitted to shooting Hernandez outside of the Four Seasons restaurant.

Cruz-Trujillo is set for trial in January 2016.