



The Devil's Playbook | Week 4 Bill Bush | 09.07.2021

Big Idea

Choose TRUST, not LUST!

Deuteronomy 5:21 (NLT)

²¹ "You must not covet your neighbor's wife. You must not covet your neighbor's house or land, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

Covet: delight in, lust, devoured by the desire to acquire something that belongs to someone else

Joshua 7:19-26 (NLT)

¹⁹ Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, by telling the truth. Make your confession and tell me what you have done. Don't hide it from me."

²⁰ Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel.

²¹ Among the plunder I saw a beautiful robe from Babylon, 200 silver coins, and a bar of gold weighing more than a pound. I wanted them so much that I took them. They are hidden in the ground beneath my tent, with the silver buried deeper than the rest."

²² So Joshua sent some men to make a search. They ran to the tent and found the stolen goods hidden there, just as Achan had said, with the silver buried beneath the rest.

²³ They took the things from the tent and brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites. Then they laid them on the ground in the presence of the Lord.

²⁴ Then Joshua and all the Israelites took Achan, the silver, the robe, the bar of gold, his sons, daughters, cattle, donkeys, sheep, goats, tent, and everything he had, and they brought them to the valley of Achor.

²⁵ Then Joshua said to Achan, "Why have you brought trouble on us? The Lord will now bring trouble on you." And all the Israelites stoned Achan and his family and burned their bodies.

²⁶ They piled a great heap of stones over Achan, which remains to this day. That is why the place has been called the Valley of Trouble ever since. So the Lord was no longer angry.

How Coveting *Progresses*:

- *Comparison* | "I saw"
- *Conflict* | "I wanted & took"
- *Consumes Us* | "I hid"

The *Effects* of Coveting:

1. Fatigue

Proverbs 23:4 (NLT)

⁴ Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich.
Be wise enough to know when to quit.

2. Dissatisfaction & Debt

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! ¹¹ The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers!

3. Conflict

James 4:1 (NLT)

¹ What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?

Breakin' the Achin'

1. *RESIST* comparing myself to others.

2. *REJOICE* for others and want what I have.

3. *RELEASE* what I have to help others.

James 4:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

4. *REFOCUS* on what's going to last.

Philippians 4:10-14 (MSG)

¹⁰⁻¹⁴ I'm glad in God, far happier than you would ever guess—happy that you're again showing such strong concern for me. Not that you ever quit praying and thinking about

me. You just had no chance to show it. Actually, I don't have a sense of needing anything personally. I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am. I don't mean that your help didn't mean a lot to me—it did. It was a beautiful thing that you came alongside me in my troubles.