

Call to Confession

WSC Question 79

Minister: What is the tenth commandment?

All: The tenth commandment is: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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WSC Question 80

Minister: What does the tenth commandment require?

All: The tenth commandment requires us to be completely satisfied with our own status in life and to have a proper, loving attitude toward others and their possessions.

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WSC Question 81

Minister: What does the tenth commandment forbid?

All: The tenth commandment forbids any dissatisfaction with what belongs to us, envy or grief at the success of others, and all improper desire for anything that belongs to someone else.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

All: Lord, we confess that we are often restless and discontent. As a result, we give You little praise and thanks. We're envious of others and resent our own place in life. We covet others' talents, beauty, successes, and possessions. O God, we can't save or fix ourselves! This sickness lies deep within us, and we are desperate for Your mercy. Forgive us, and open our eyes to see that You've blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Amen.

Personal Confession

The Gospel's Assurance of Grace

1 John 1:8-9, 2:1-2

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.