

The Promises of God Part 3!

God Promised Never to Leave Us Alone

The LORD spoke to my heart and told me there is a strong **spirit of covetousness** infecting many today!

ESV James 4:1-3 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Covetousness is the strong desire to have what belongs to someone else!

People are fighting and warring over what they so desperately want even if someone else has it, they'll stop at nothing to get it from them.

KJV Psalm 24:1 <A Psalm of David.> The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

We must never forget who loaned the earth and its resources to us!

ESV Proverbs 21:25 The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.

26 All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

Some people don't realize if God gave them abundance they couldn't handle all the people that would fight them to get what they have!

Another definition for covetousness is dishonest gain!

NIV Habakkuk 2:9 "Woe to him who builds his realm by unjust gain to set his nest on high, to escape the clutches of ruin!

The way of the world is to build your empire any way you can; but the same methods you used on your way up will be used against you to bring you down.

Covetousness is the height of selfishness!

Covetousness removes God completely from the equation and places the responsibility for sustaining and advancing life in the individual's hands.

➤ **Covetousness says I don't need God or there is no God!**

I must provide for myself, take care of myself anyway I can and if I see something I want or need I'll take it any way I can.

^{KJV} Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Let our lives be free from the love of money and desire nothing but what God allows, because He **promised** never leave us or forsake us!

He tells the believer to be **content** (at peace) with what is currently in our hands!

Don't live in a constant state of neediness!

If you do you will always find ways to justify—covetousness, greed and betrayal!

Remember God is with you and He knows what you need before you ask! (**Matt 6:8**)

God promised never to leave us!

If we cannot be satisfied with God, what else can possibly satisfy us?

^{ESV} Psalm 37:16 Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked.

The righteousness of God makes everything God has available to us.

Joshua 1:5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

God told Joshua **no man** would be able to oppose his advancement as long as he lived.

Just like Moses was successful in everything he did, so would he also!

Just like I was with Moses I will be with you God said "*I will not abandon you when things get tough*"!

I will not leave you to your own devices when you need divine help!

When you need Me the most I will be there and manifest My Power!

When God **promised** Joshua He would never leave or abandon him God was also talking about all of Israel.

Joshua believed it but not everyone did—take Achan!

ESV Joshua 7:21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver (worth around \$1800), and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, (worth about \$40K) then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

The strongest indictment about **covetousness** is to place an object of desire before the love and devotion we should have for God!

Interestingly **Achan** means “*serpent, vexation and troubler*”!

We will always run into trouble when we covet things more than we love God!

KJV 1 Chronicles 28:20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.