

God so wants to provide for us, why then do we covet what others have?

Webster's: To covet means to wish for enviously, to desire what belongs to another.

Col 3:5 ...**Covetousness, which is idolatry**. 1 Cor 13:4 **Love...does not envy** (or covet)

Ps 73:1-2 **How good God is...to those whose hearts are pure. But as for me, I came so close to the edge of the cliff! My feet were slipping and I was almost gone.**

3 **Because I was envious of the prosperity of the proud and wicked.** TLB

17 **Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their (the sinners) end**

Pro 13:22 **...But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous (& get it how?)**

Heb 10:38 **The righteous shall live by faith...**(so they can access My grace - Rom 5:2).

Pro 23:17 **Let not your heart envy sinners (or saints) be in the fear of the Lord always.**

Just a few of God's promises on provision – they're for the righteous who will believe them

Phil 4:19 **My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches** (when we are living) **in Christ Jesus** (that is, led by His Spirit – Rom 8:1, 1 Jo 4:13).

2 Chron 26:5 **...As long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.**

Rom 8:32 **He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?**

Ps 13:6 **I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.**

The 10th commandment is about coveting, as in envying, but it can be seen as a promise.

Exodus 20:17 **You shall not covet** (can you see it as a promise) **your neighbor's** (or brother's) **house, you shall not covet your neighbor's** (or brother's) **wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant** (employees), **nor his ox, nor his donkey** (nor his car), **nor any thing that is your neighbor's** (or is your brother's or sister's).

Under the New Testament we can receive this commandment, or part of it, as a living promise from God in our hearts, and immediately be on the road to being delivered and freed by God from coveting. Even Christians who secretly covet, despite God knowing it.

Heb 4:13 **...All thoughts are naked and open before Him with whom we must deal.**

Our human nature and Satan want us to covet; God, by His Spirit in us, will overcome it:

Hos 14:8 **The people of Israel** (of God) **will have nothing more to do with idols** (with envying and coveting); **I will answer their prayers and take care of them.**

1 Cor 5:11 **Don't keep company with anyone named a brother, who is...covetous...**

Col 3:5 **Therefore put to death your members...covetousness, which is idolatry.**

Rom 8:13 **...If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.**