

## **Do Not Covet**

### **Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:17**

Most of the youngsters would like to have the same things that the people around them are using. When our neighbor buys a car we too want to buy one. This kind of an attitude leads us into various kinds of sin. People of your age group are mostly attracted to cell phones. We desire to have different kinds of cell phones.

Kumar took up something that glittered brightly and put it in his pocket. When Sumi asked him what it was, Kumar responded that it was the cap of a very costly pen. Sumi said, 'leave it in the place it was found. May be the person who lost may come in search and find it. Even you will not be profited by having the cap alone'. But Kumar was not willing to obey Sumi. When he went ahead a few steps, a small boy came across crying. Sumi asked the boy why he was crying. The boy said that he lost the cap of a very costly pen that his grandfather gave. Kumar walked ahead as if he didn't hear anything. Sumi went close to Kumar and said him to return the cap. Kumar despised Sumi and continued walking. Later Sumi had to go to Kumar's mom, explained the whole thing and then took the cap to return to the boy.

To covet or to lust means to have a very intense desire on something or someone. It is a desire towards what others have and trying to gain it. Even when we try to buy something just because the other person has it, it's a form of lust. To buy something that is beyond our capacity is also a form of lust.

Dearly beloved, you have to become content with whatever you have right now. Along with that contentment, add on Godliness and there will be abundant joy in your life. Do you lust after another man's things? When lust is conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

### **Questions:**

- 1) What is lust?
- 2) What will the lust birth out?
- 3) When can we have a joyful life?