

THE LANGUAGE OF CONSUMER CAPITALISM

Introduction – We have lost the vocabulary for covetousness because we live in a greed-centered culture. Where have avarice, miserly, parsimony, prodigality, cupidity, and rapacity gone in our contemporary usage of the English language?

A. We tend to approach problems from the outside in rather than from the inside out.

Mark 7:20-23

James 4:1-3

B. The process of spiritual transformation is prefigured in Jesus' death and resurrection and our faith commitment in baptism.

Colossians 3:1-10

Colossians 3:12-17

Conclusion – We are not unaware of the attraction of sin since we were all enslaved by it. Thanks be to God that he has redeemed us through Christ from the clutches of covetousness and other destructive attitudes.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Discussion Questions

1. Why have we lost a full vocabulary needed to discuss the sin of covetousness?
2. What evidence should we look for in ourselves that indicate some kind of covetousness is at work?
3. How do we cooperate with God to be transformed into the image of God?