

Series: The Lovable Law

Message: Putting The Brakes On Runaway Desires

Scripture: Exodus 20:17

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- 1) At first glance, many runaway desires appear to be virtuous.
- 2) Runaway desires often accomplish ambitious results.
- 3) Accomplishments brought about by runaway desires typically bring destruction.

Exodus 20:17

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Ephesians 5:5

⁵ For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

1. The Brake Entitled Trust.

Philippians 4:19

¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:25a

^{25a} "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. ...

Matthew 6:25b-27

^{25b} ...Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

²⁶ "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

²⁷ "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?

Matthew 6:28-30a

²⁸ "And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,

²⁹ yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.

^{30a} "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you? ...

Romans 8:32

³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Matthew 6:30b

^{30b} ... You of little faith!

2. The Brake Entitled Thankfulness.

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

3. The Brake Entitled Priorities.

Matthew 6:19-21, 24

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Matthew 6:33

³³"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

- 1) To Set Temporal Things As A Priority
- 2) To Set Eternal Things As A Priority