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Romans 7:7-12

I distinctly remember being a young child, playing in the living room, and my father being in the room with me. As I was playing, I thought about my friends' playroom at their house. They had some fun toys?ones I didn't have. They also had a computer game called Frogger. I asked my dad, "why can't we have that stuff, too?" After all, I really, really wanted it for myself.

This is when I learned what it meant to covet something. In fact, whenever the idea of coveting comes up, I can still hear that conversation my father and I had. I had to learn somewhere what coveting was and what God wanted of us.

The Law, as Paul pointed out, is not the end-all-be-all, but reveals sins we stumble over in life. Paul proclaimed, "I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet." (Romans 7:7b). The Law made him aware of what coveting was and that it should be avoided.

However, it is through God's grace, not the Law, that we have freedom from such sin.

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