

Romans 7:9 (NLT2)

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“Name it and Claim it” is not in the bible, but “covet” or “covetousness” is, and it’s actually the Tenth Commandment.

† **Exodus 20:17** *You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.*

So, what does Covetousness mean?

Covetousness: A strong desire after the possession of worldly things. *"to desire earnestly," "to set the heart and mind upon anything"*

Looking at the definition of “Covet” or “Covetousness” that’s what “name it and claim it” is, it’s telling God... I repeat, it’s TELLING GOD, what to do, and a person who “names it and claims it” does so because of something they desire, which in a lot of cases may not be God’s desire for them or someone else. But since they named it and claimed it, it trumps God’s heart, and tries to feed the desire in their, or someone else’s life or heart, and forces God to do what they claim. **NOT!!!** And that’s why “Name it and Claim it” is so wrong and is actually a sin, because it tries to put themselves above God, and that’s the same thing that satan tried to do.

In today’s verse Paul says that “*At one time I lived without understanding the law.*” So, now I have taught you the truth about “Name it and Claim it” and you now know that it is bad, and you have discovered that it is actually a sin; Therefore, “*But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life.*” And that’s what happens when you read your bible, you discover things that you thought were okay, and find out that they are not okay.

But after you do, the real question is, what do you now do with it? Say, in this case, will you continue to “name it and claim it”, putting yourself above God and turning Him into a Genie or a Santa Claus, wanting God to bend to your wants and what you think is best. Or will you stop and heed to God’s commands and ways, even if you don’t understand them?

† **Joshua 22:5** *But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

I sometimes think that it's funny when someone asks the question, "*Is it ok to do this or that, or watch this movie, or go to that place or to...?*" because if they are really truthful with themselves, they already know the answer, and they are actually asking multiple people the same question, and won't be happy until someone tells them that it's okay, even though it's not. But that's what they are looking for in the first place, a license to sin, because so and so said it was okay, or as we learned they think that they can just "Name it and Claim it".

Now there are those who truly do not know if something is okay or not, and they want to know the truth, which is great, and when they want to know the truth, they should be looking for scripture to back it up, not someone's opinion. And if someone is asking you, then give them scripture to back it up, if not, you may be giving them your opinion, but not God's answer.

† **1 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT2)** *Am I expressing merely a human opinion, or does the law say the same thing?*

† **Romans 11:25** *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

† **Romans 12:16** *Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.*