

Series: "WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS"
Part 2: "THE EVIL OF ENVY"
Crossroads Community Church
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³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Genesis 37:3-4 (NIV)

What We Envy About Others:

1. Their _____

2. Their _____

⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

⁸ His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

Genesis 37:5-8 (NIV)

⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Genesis 37:9-11 (NIV)

3. Their _____

The Root of all Envy:

➤ Lack of _____

¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Philippians 4:12 (NIV)

Defeating Envy by Developing Contentment Requires us to:

1. _____ ³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Psalm 37:3 (NIV)

2. _____ ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 (NIV)

3. _____ ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: Psalm 37:5 (NIV)

4. _____ ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; Psalm 37:7a (NIV)

Challenges for the week ahead:

- Where is there envy in your life right now?
- Which requirement for developing contentment is an area of weakness in your life right now?
- Deal with your envy by repenting to God and focusing your prayers on the area of weakness identified.

Sermon Notes:
