

## **Insatiable Envy!**

But if you harbor bitter **envy** and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is **earthly, unspiritual**, of the **devil**. For where you have **envy** and selfish ambition, there you find **disorder and every evil practice**. - *James 3:14-16 NIV*

### ENVY:

\_\_\_\_\_ God's Goodness In Others' Lives,  
While \_\_\_\_\_ God's Goodness In My Own Life.

### ENVY IN THE BIBLE

Cain envied Abel	Genesis 4:5
Rachel envied Leah	Genesis 30:1
Leah envied Rachel	Genesis 30:15
Brothers envied Joseph	Genesis 37:5
Saul envied David	1 Samuel 18:7-9
Lucifer envied God	Isaiah 14:13-14
Chief priests envied Jesus	Mark 15:10

"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but **envy rots the bones**." - *Proverbs 14:30 NIV*

"You shall not **covet**." - *Exodus 20:17 NIV*

### WHO OR WHAT DO YOU ENVY?

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### AVOID COMPARISONS

We won't dare **compare ourselves** with those who think so much of themselves. But they are foolish to compare. - *2 Corinthians 10:12 CEV*

Each one should test his own actions... without **comparing himself to somebody else**. - *Galatians 6:4 NIV*

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Goodness To Others!

**Rejoice with those who rejoice**; mourn with those who mourn. - *Romans 12:15 NIV*

"Don't be afraid," he said. "My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be **second to you**." - *1 Samuel 23:17 NIV*

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Goodness To You!

"Better what the eye **sees** than **the roving of the appetite**. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind." - *Ecclesiastes 6:9 NIV*

Always be joyful. Keep on praying. **No matter what happens**, always **be thankful**, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. - *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT*

Our lives were full of evil and **envy**. We hated others, and they hated us. But then God our Savior showed us his **kindness and love**. He saved us, not because of the **good things** we did, but because of his **mercy**. He **washed away our sins** and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit. - **Titus 3:3-5 NLT**

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Who or what do you envy?
- Describe a time when envy caused you to resent somebody. How did you overcome it?
- Read Romans 12:15. Who do you need to celebrate with?
- What “but” do you need to remove? You might say, “I’m thankful for my house, but...”
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week about this Sinful Habit?