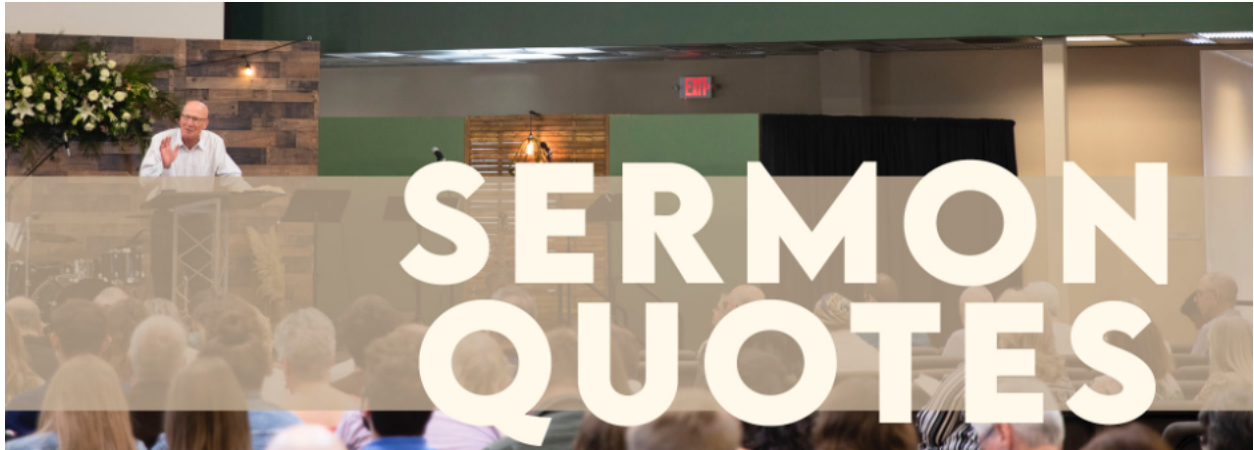




“Envy is a nastier sin than mere covetousness. What an envier wants is not, first of all, what another has; what an envier wants is for another not to have it...To envy is to resent somebody else’s good so much that one is tempted to destroy it. The coveter has empty hands and wants to fill them with somebody else’s goods. The envier has empty hands, and therefore wants to empty the hands of the envied. Envy, moreover, carries overtones of personal resentment: an envier resents not only somebody else’s blessing but also the one who has been blessed...If the envier can come away with another’s goods, so much the better, but that is an incidental advantage. What the envier really wants is to spoil something-or someone...The envier is the child of the evil one: if he cannot have heaven, he can at least raise hell in the lives of others...” —Cornelius Plantinga

“The narrative is condensed in order to heighten the tension, drama, sense of anticipation.” —John Currid

“The brothers are oblivious to the magnitude of the events at hand. The seating arrangement symbolically recreates the tension of sibling rivalry that had led to the crimes against Joseph.” —Kenneth Matthews

“Envy is the art of counting the other fellow’s blessings instead of your own.” —Harold G. Coffin

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” —Genesis :15

“I have a burden for my people right now, just as I do for myself, that we get beyond propositions and Bible verses to Christ. I do not mean ‘get around’ Bible verses, but ‘through’ Bible verses to Christ-to the person, the living person-to know him, cherish him, treasure him, enjoy him, trust him, be at home with him. I want to count him more to be desired than all other things-wife, husband, children, success in career, leisure, vacations, health, food, sex, money. He is more precious.” —John Piper