

What is Love? - Love Does Not Envy

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a; Galatians 5:19-26; Mark 7:14-23

What is Envy?

According to the Oxford English Dictionary:

As a noun, envy is, “a feeling of discontented or resentful _____ aroused by someone else’s possessions, qualities, or luck.”

As a verb, it says that envy is, “a desire to have a quality, possession or other desirable attribute belonging to else.”

Envy is similar to jealousy. However, jealousy is actually more about concern over losing something you have instead of wanting something someone _____ has. (ie. a jealous boyfriend or girlfriend)

Envy is, therefore, more closely related to the 9th and 10th Commandments and the idea of _____ or _____.

Envy is the antithesis of, the exact opposite of _____ and _____. Envy requires us to be _____ ourselves in such a way that we are actually _____ others.

What Does Envy Do?

Envy can _____ and build up and cause us to take something from someone by force!

Envy may drive us to pursue things in other unhealthy ways. We may be willing to do _____ to have what others have. We will find ourselves angry, bitter, cruel, cold, or worse.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about envy is that we easily find ourselves as both the _____ AND the _____ of envy.

We envy others while simultaneously finding ourselves envied _____ others for what _____ have!

Envy is a dissatisfaction that makes it impossible to enjoy anything. Envy makes us _____. Which is why the enemy _____ it so much.

Why Do We Envy?

Our fallen, sinful _____ certainly don’t help. It all fell apart with envy in the _____. God is no longer physically _____ the way he was then. We have an emptiness in our hearts of _____ proportions.

The world around us doesn’t help:

The US _____ runs on envy.

_____ media

“The Joneses”

Satan

How Do We Heal Our Envy?

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

Translation: count your _____.

Instead of focusing on what you _____ have, focus on what you _____ have.

Don’t forget to include _____.

He is the only one who can love us with an infinite everlasting love and fill the infinite longing we crave.

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

- St. Augustine