

IT'S NOT FAIR

Envy: dissatisfied with what you have; resenting others for what they have.

James 3:16 (CSB) – For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and every evil practice.

Proverbs 14:30 (ESV) – A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.

When envy takes over:

1. We forget God's past faithfulness.

Psalm 106:21–22 (CSB) – They forgot God their Savior, who did great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, awe-inspiring acts at the Red Sea.

2. We overlook God's present provisions.

Numbers 11:4–6 – Then the foreign rabble who were traveling with the Israelites began to crave the good things of Egypt. And the people of Israel also began to complain. “Oh, for some meat!” they exclaimed. “We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted. But now our appetites are gone. All we ever see is this manna!”

3. We ignore God's future promises.

Deuteronomy 1:21, 26–27a – Look! He has placed the land in front of you. Go and occupy it as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Don't be afraid! Don't be discouraged! But you rebelled against the command of the Lord your God and refused to go in. You complained in your tents and said, “The Lord must hate us.”

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How to respond:

1. Stop the comparison game.

1 Samuel 18:8–9 – This made Saul very angry. “What’s this?” he said. “They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they’ll be making him their king!” So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

2. Find contentment in who Christ is.

Philippians 4:11–13 – Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Coming soon:

1. **Connect:** Use the QR code to connect with DRC and to sign up for text updates.
2. **Life Groups Ministry Fair:** A new semester of Life Groups is starting soon. If you haven't joined a Life Group yet, stop by the display to find the group that's right for you.
3. **Back-to-School Block Party:** DRC Students (6th–12th grade), don't miss the Back-to-School Block Party this Wednesday, August 12, from 6:00–8:00 pm.
4. **DRC 101:** Want to learn more about DRC and how to become a member? Sign up for our next DRC 101 class on Sunday, August 23, during the 9:15 am service.

