

# "GETTING RID OF ENVY"

**Genesis 37:3-4** – Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him.

**Envy: Discontentment with what I have and resentment with what you have.**

**Genesis 37:18-20** – When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. As he approached, they made plans to kill him. "Here comes the dreamer!" they said. "Come on, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can tell our father, 'A wild animal has eaten him.' Then we'll see what becomes of his dreams!"

## **The truth about envy:**

### **1. It ruins our relationships.**

- **1 Corinthians 13:4** (ESV) – Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant.

### **2. It robs us of enjoyment.**

- **James 3:16** (NIV) – For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

### **3. It rots our bodies.**

- **Proverbs 14:30** (NIV) – A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.
- **Job 5:2** (NIV) – Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple.

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## Getting rid of envy:

### 1. Avoid the temptation to compare.

- **Isaiah 45:9** – “What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, ‘Stop, you’re doing it wrong!’ Does the pot exclaim, ‘How clumsy can you be?’”

### 2. Celebrate God’s goodness to others.

- **Philippians 4:4-5** – Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

### 3. Celebrate God’s goodness to you.

- **James 1:17** (ESV) – Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

#### Coming soon:

1. **Kenya Mission Team:** Continue to pray for those traveling to Kenya June 19-30. Stop by the Main Street kiosk for information about the trip and team and how you can pray and support.
2. **Drive-In Movie:** Kick off the summer in style. Join us for our annual Drive-In Movie night on Friday, May 30: snacks, fun for the whole family, and this year’s movie—**Cars**. Parking lot opens at 8:00 pm.
3. **Connect Class:** If you would like to find out more about DRC, join us after the 10:45 am service on Sunday, June 1. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Sign up today at the Connect Center or [danriverchurch.org/connect](http://danriverchurch.org/connect).
4. **Kids' Super Week:** We're only two weeks away from the best week of the summer for kids in K-5th grade. Kids' Super Week: Water Adventure is June 2-5. Register your kids today: [danriverchurch.org/KSW25](http://danriverchurch.org/KSW25).