

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE – 041215
SERIES: HYPERLINKED LIFE – WEEK 1

James 3:14-16 (ESV)

But if you have bitter jealousy (envy) and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

1. What's in your view affects you

Job 31:1 (ESV)

1 "I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Psalms 101:3 (ESV)

3 I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.

2. Genuine Celebration Eliminates Envy

A. Celebrate the blessings you have

Proverbs 15:15 (ESV)

15 All the days of the afflicted are evil, but the cheerful of heart has a continual feast.

B. Celebrate the blessings other's have

Romans 12:15 (ESV)

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice . . .

3. True contentment does not depend on having new, more, or better.

Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV)

11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 (ESV)

10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. 11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.