

Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: <sup>17</sup>haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup>a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, <sup>19</sup>a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

Series Recap:

- Pride is \_\_\_\_\_ worship.
- Anger is always a \_\_\_\_\_ emotion.

Part I: Unmasking Envy

A. What Envy Is

1. Envy is \_\_\_\_\_ something that belongs to another.

Exodus 20:17

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

2. Envy's goal is to \_\_\_\_\_ others down in hopes of \_\_\_\_\_ self up.
3. Envy in practice is being sad over someone's \_\_\_\_\_ and becoming a fan of someone else's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Envy's cause is \_\_\_\_\_ and envy's food is \_\_\_\_\_.

Envy and abundance will never coexist.

Proverbs 14:13

Even in laughter the heart may ache, and joy may end in grief.

B. What Envy Does

Proverbs 24:7

Wisdom is too high for a fool; in the assembly at the gate he has nothing to say.

1. Envy sabotages our \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

  - We use envy as an attempt to level the playing field while God uses \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Envy breeds a lack of \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 4:13

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

- Envy keeps us consumed with what we *don't* have to the point that we find no \_\_\_\_\_ in what we *do* have.
  - Satan uses envy to distract us from delving into the \_\_\_\_\_ we have in Christ.
3. Envy keeps us from enjoying the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.

James 3:16

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

- God isn't comparing our performance against others; merely our \_\_\_\_\_ with what he has given us.
4. Envy denies the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

1 Corinthians 13:4

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

Part 2: Escaping Envy

1. Admit the \_\_\_\_\_

Ultimately envy is fatal because it keeps us from experiencing fullness

James 5:16

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

Psalm 32:3

*When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.*

- Failing to let God deal with our envy will result in a failure to experience God's \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Develop an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 12:15

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.*

- Don't play the \_\_\_\_\_ game.
- If you compare, at least change your \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ envy

1 Peter 2:1

*Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.*

- Initial growth comes in \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves for success.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ God

Galatians 5:25-26

*Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*

- When our focus is on God, other people's stuff loses its \_\_\_\_\_.