

Eradicating Envy
Genesis 37:1-4, 18-24, & 31-34

Envy is the _____ we feel when we believe that someone else has something good that we don't, especially if it seems _____ to us that they have it and we don't. And that discontent has a way of causing _____ to our own lives and to the lives of others. A perfect example of the damage envy can do is seen in the relationship of the sons of Jacob in Genesis 37.

The story reminds us of the _____ nature and _____ impact of envy on a family. Many families experience extended brokenness between family members because of envy. And within the family of God, envy distracts from the _____ and distorts the _____ of Christ in our lives.

The Bible condemns envy, but we don't name it or repent of it because we think it is _____. Yet it pits those who are commanded to love one another _____ each other, and it is _____.

We tend to excuse envy because we feel justified. If we understand envy's _____ and its _____, we will be more motivated and committed to _____ this sin from our lives.

Envy blocks the _____ from working in us. When Christians become envious, we begin walking _____ without the Spirit's guidance. And in that _____ state, we can do nothing for Christ, His _____, or His _____.

The source of envy is failing to _____ God's wisdom and goodness. It arises when I _____ God's goodness to others and _____ God's goodness to me." Envy is saying that God doesn't know _____ or how to _____.

Isaiah 64:4 says, "Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who _____ for him." Commit afresh to trust Him and _____ for Him to act. He will _____ you, and His plans for you will prove to be _____.