



“Hey Envy, You Are Not the Boss of Me”

Envy: Resenting God's goodness in other people's lives and ignoring God's goodness in your own.

Recap :

Understanding envy's dirty little secrets:

1. Envy reveals spiritual immaturity.
2. Envy will rot your soul.
3. Envy is an organizational cancer.
4. Envy says “God, you made a mistake with my lot in life.”

Keeping envy from becoming the boss of you:

1. Learn to celebrate the success of others. (Romans 12:15)

2. Become a carnivore. (Hebrews 5:12-14)

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (ESV)

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

- Milk is what's given to you while meat is what you learn to gather for yourself. (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Milk teaches you about your justification while meat deals with your sanctification.

- Meat is more challenging than confusing. (James 1:22)
- The meat of the Word will free you from envy. (John 8:32)
- Becoming a carnivore takes persistence, perseverance, and obedience!

3. Run your race in your lane. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

- You will never be who God called you to be if you are constantly trying to run someone else's race.

Your lane:

- ◇ Daily spiritual nourishment. (Romans 12:2)
- ◇ Family care.
- ◇ Play your part in the body. (1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 2:10 (NIV))
- ◇ Work with the right focus and attitude. (Colossians 3:23-24)

4. Remember this is just the pregame!

2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

- Knowledge of the future keeps you content in the present.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV)

However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him—

5. Never forget that Jesus is enough! (Revelation 1:12-18)

- Envy dies when you remember what you deserve in light of what you have been given!