

"Envy"

Me? Envious? Surely not me!

How happy are you when your enemy wins?
"Rejoice with those who rejoice"

How sad are you when your enemy loses?
"Mourn with those who mourn"

Envy's evil brothers:

Covetousness: The intensity of envy

Jealousy: The direction of envy

But how deadly can envy really be?

It keeps very deadly company

It destroys genuine and lasting joy

It negates Christ-like love

Three disturbing facts about envy:

I am more envious than I want to admit

I am hurt by envy more than I realize

I am unable to overcome envy on my own

Experiencing a miracle of transformation:

Declare: That I really am an envious person

Decide: That I really want to be changed

Desire: To be clothed with Jesus Christ

Depend: On the power of the Holy Spirit

When will I decide that Jesus is really enough?

Exodus 20:17

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."

Romans 12:14-16

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

James 3:14-16

14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

Romans 13:9-10

9 The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

1 Peter 2:1-3

2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Romans 13:13-14

13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Galatians 5:19-25

19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

The tradition of the seven deadly sins:

Seven Deadly Vices Seven Heavenly Virtues

(Sermons yet to be preached)

Anger	Patience
Gluttony	Temperance
Pride	Humility
Sloth	Diligence

(Sermons already preached)

<i>Greed</i>	<i>Charity</i>
<i>Lust</i>	<i>Chastity</i>
<i>Envy</i>	<i>Kindness</i>

Vote for your most "deadly" sin

Which "deadly sin" do you most need to overcome?

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Voting begins at the end of this worship service

Voting ends Monday evening at 12 midnight

The "deadly sin" with the fewest votes will be preached on next Sunday



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Matthew 5:27-30

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