



I ENVY BECAUSE...

I WANT WHAT SOMEONE ELSE HAS OR IS INSTEAD OF WHAT GOD GAVE OR MADE ME.

Matthew 27:17-18 (NLT) As the crowds gathered before Pilate's house that morning, he asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" (He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.)

WHEN I ENVY...

I'M NEVER SATISFIED.

Ecclesiastes 4:4-8 (ESV) Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind. The fool folds his hands and eats his own flesh. Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind. Again, I saw vanity under the sun: one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

I WANT WHAT I SHOULDN'T.

Proverbs 3:31 (NLT) Don't envy violent people or copy their ways.

Proverbs 23:17 (NLT) Don't envy sinners, but always continue to fear the LORD.

Proverbs 24:1 (NLT) Don't envy evil people or desire their company.

I LIVE IN THE COMPARISON TRAP.

2 Corinthians 10:12 (NLT) Oh, don't worry; we wouldn't dare say that we are as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! But they are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant!

I'LL RUIN MY LIFE.

Proverbs 14:30 (ESV) A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.

I OPEN MYSELF FOR EVERY OTHER ATTACK OF SATAN.

James 3:15 (NKJV) For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil are there.

THE CURE FOR ENVY... CONTENTMENT

Philippians 4:11 (ESV) Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

1 Timothy 6:3-7 (ESV) If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.