**Adult Sunday School**

August 21, 2011

**Envies**

**1Peter 2:1** Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and **envies**, and all evil speakings,

**Envy comes in layers**

Full of desire for someone's possessions or advantages; extremely covetous.

laying aside

Believers must strip off "envies" (*phthonous*): a person without God lives in envy (*phthonoi*). The word means that a person covets what someone else has, covets it so much that he wants it even if it has to be taken away from the other person. He may even wish that the other person did not have it or had not received it. We may look at people and envy their...

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| •  money  •  position  •  looks  •  social status  •  recognition | •  possessions  •  popularity  •  clothes  •  authority |

Note that the plural *envies* is used. This means all kinds of envies and jealousies; it means that we are not to look at a person and envy to be like them nor to have what they possess. The results of envy are terrible; envy takes a terrible toll upon the life and body of a person.

⇒  A person who envies *does not have peace or happiness.* He is dissatisfied with what he is and has and is always wanting more and more of what others have.

⇒  In addition to this, envy often drives a person into *crime and lawlessness* in order to get what he craves.

⇒  On top of this, envy often leads to *physical problems* such as migraine headaches, high blood pressure, ulcers, and other illnesses.

⇒  Envy also causes *emotional problems* ranging from mild neurosis or depression to psychotic behavior.

But thanks be to God our Savior. He saves and delivers us from envy. Through Christ He gives us real life, and He satisfies our hearts and lives with pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16:11). Therefore, we must strip off all envies. We must love one another and joy in the persons and possessions of others. We must love them, support and build them up, not envy and wish to see them torn down.

A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones" (Proverbs 14:30).

Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the lord

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying (Romans 13:13).

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up (1 Cor. 13:4)

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another" (Galatians 5:26).

Ps 37:1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

Pr 24:19 Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;

Ps 73:3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Pr 24:1 ¶ Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

**ENVY THOU NOT**

Pr 3:31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

Pr 23:17 ¶ Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

Pr 27:4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?

Mt 27:18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

Mr 15:10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.

Ac 5:17 ¶ Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, {indignation: or, envy }

Ac 7:9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

Ac 13:45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

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Ac 17:5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

Ro 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Php 1:15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

1Ti 6:4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

James 4:5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

# What is the difference between envy, covetousness, and jealousy?

IF you covet your neighbour's wife, it would be your neighbour of whom you were envious - for having such a wife.

If you hate your neighbor’s wife you could wrong your neighbor out of envy, again it would be your neighbour of whom you were envious - for having such a wife.

If your neighbor covet’s your wife, you could be jealous of your neighbor.

* Envy and jealousy have different meanings.
  + Envy is a feeling that you have something I Don’t have or don’t want.
  + Envy makes you feel like they have an unfair advantage or they live so far below the standards.
  + Envy of your success has made me bitter, angry, hateful and malicious.
  + Being bitter, angry, hateful and malicious about your slow success has made me full of envy.

Jealousy is a resentful suspicion that someone else has what rightfully belongs to the jealous person:

or an unequal relationship.

Jealousy is an emotion experienced by one who thinks that another person is giving something that they feel is due to them (attention, love, respect or the most affection)

Ex 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Ro 7:7 ¶ What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Ro 13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

The object of envy could be anything

An envious attitude always produces negative.

A jealous outlook is usually negative but it can be positive, depending on its object

Ro 10:2; Gal.4:17

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

**A chaste virgin to Christ**