

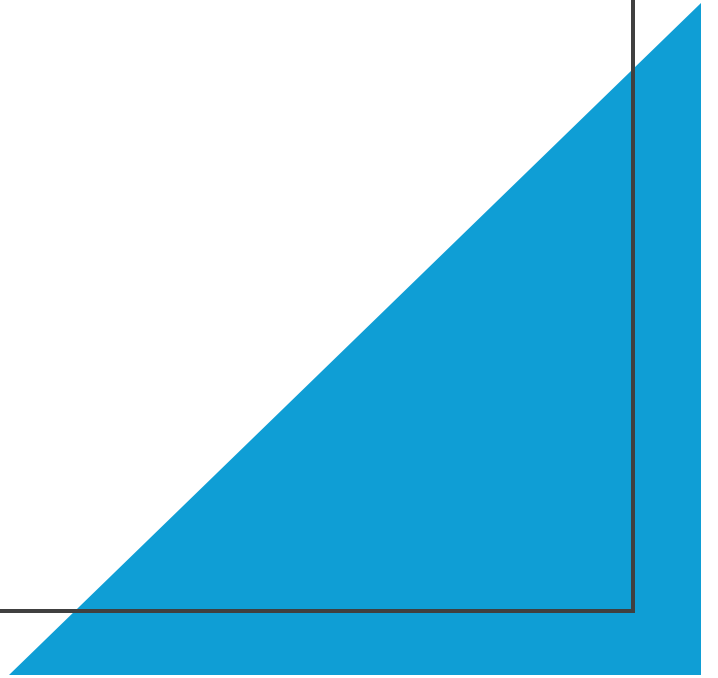
Respectable Sins

The Sin of Envy

Selected Scriptures
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Theme:

“Envy arises from discontentment, dishonors God’s providence, and is defeated only through treasuring Christ supremely.”





The Sin of Envy

A. The Problem with Envy

1. The Meaning of Envy

"Envy is the painful and oftentimes resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by someone else." - Jerry Bridges in *Respectable Sins*

Lexicon

- Qin'â (Hebrew) – Burning.
- Phthónos (Greek) – Feeling of ill will. Displeasure at another's good.

"A grudging regard for the advantages seen to be enjoyed by others."

- *The New Bible Dictionary*

"Sorry at another's good."



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A. The Problem with Envy

1. The Meaning of Envy

2. The Source of Envy

- a. Our Flesh (Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 3:1-3)
 - b. Our Discontent Spirit (1 Cor. 4:7; James 3:14)
 - c. Our Idolatrous Heart (Exo. 20:3-4,5; James 4:1-4)
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A. The Problem with Envy

1. The Meaning of Envy
 2. The Source of Envy
 3. The Fruit of Envy
 - a. It Separates You from God (Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 1:28-32)
 - b. It Harms Your Health (Prov. 14:30; Job. 5:3; Psalm 32:3-4; James 3:16)
 - c. It Destroys Relationships (Gen. 4:3-5,8; 1 Sam. 18:7-9; 1 Pet. 2:1)
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A. The Problem with Envy

B. The Solution to Envy

1. Repent of Envy (1 John 1:9; Prov. 28:13; Psalm 32:5)
 2. Remember, the Gospel Frees us of Envy (Rom. 8:32; 1 Cor. 6:20)
 3. Reflect on the Sovereignty of God (James 1:17; Rom. 11:36; Dan. 4:35)
 4. Practice Thankfulness (1 Thess. 5:18; Phil. 4:11; Rom. 12:15)
 5. Seek to Love (1 Cor. 3:4; Phil. 2:4)
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Small Group Discussion

1. How does envy distort your view of God's character, providence, and goodness?
 2. Envy often hides behind comparison. What role does social media, culture, or even church life play in stirring up envy?
 3. What does the gospel say to a heart that struggles with envy? How does the cross confront and heal it?
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