

# My lethal enemy of envy

What is envy? It is spiteful jealousy. Jealousy resents and covets the advantage it sees another person has, like: Their possessions, their looks, their respect by others, their giftedness, their happiness, their freedom in Christ from rigid rules. Envy is worse; its root meaning is ruin, for it secretly wants those seen as advantaged to be brought down. (Would we be respected by others too, if we would learn to let God speak through us?)

Envy is from our evil human nature; it's the opposite of truth and is a work of the devil:

Gal 5:19-21 **The works of (all of our evil) human nature are these...Envy...**

Jam 3:14-15 **If you have bitter envying...This (human) wisdom...is...demonic.**

Love does not envy, no, envy is the opposite of love; it is a form of hatred, of murder:

1 Cor 13:4 **...Love does not envy...**(its first on God's list of what love doesn't do)

Titus 3:3 **We were also once living in...envy, hateful and hating one another.**

1 Jo 3:15 **Whoever hates his brother is a murderer...no murderer has eternal life**

If, as a Christian I envy, it's proof that I am a spiritual infant who still abounds in evil:

1 Cor 3:1-3 **You are infants...where there is envy...you are like the unconverted**

Jam 3:16 **For where there is envy...there is confusion and every evil work.**

If I'm envious of God blessing others, it means I do not trust God to take care of me

1 Co 12:26 **...If one Christian is honored, all the (true) Christians rejoice with them.**

Rom 8:32 **He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?** (Only believe)

Heb 3:12 **Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God** (through envy of God blessing others);

Are my hands clean and my heart pure from envy, so that God can bring us a revival?

Ps 24:4 **He who has clean hands and a pure heart** (without envy, can ask God to:)

Isa 44:3 **...Pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground** (hearts)  
**Pour Your Spirit on our descendants, and Your blessing on our offspring;**

God tells me to lay aside envy, how? Believe His word, and by His Spirit, live in Christ

1 Pe 2:1-2 **Lay aside all...envy...desire the pure milk of the word, so you can grow**

1 Tim 1:5 **The purpose of the commandment** (His word) **is love from a pure heart;**

Ro 6:7 **The one who has died** (with Christ) **has been freed from** (the) **sin** (of envy).