

Happiness Spoiled

Matthew 20:1-15

1 Corinthians 13:4

Galatians 5:22

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We have a good life until we become envious and lose our joy because of others. When we receive a fair wage for our work we are happy until we hear that someone else is paid more for the same job. When our happiness is spoiled by somebody else's kid getting an award we think our kid deserves or someone else gets a break when we have to take it on the chin, it's another way that the "mortality" (perishable) gains power over our immortality. Jesus gave an extreme story to help us understand that when our life is resentful of others well-being we spoil the very happiness that could be ours.

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"If malice or envy were tangible and had a shape, it would be the shape of a boomerang." Charley Reese

What difference does it make if I compare myself to others or want what other have?

Gossip is a desire to see others fail. Do you ever secretly want others to fail?

WE

A man will do many things to get himself loved, but he will do ALL things to get himself envied". Mark Twain

We often brag about our families, status, abilities, possessions, etc., but in other areas we keep up appearances. God loves us just the way we are. What are some ways that we can learn to be our authentic selves?

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Envy not only damages our love for others, but also with God. The Good News is that we are free and have a choice. We can choose to be envious or we can choose to walk in the Spirit.

When we walk in the Spirit how does this impact our love for God and the people in our lives?