

Sermon Outline: 5.30.21

Sermon Series: **Vice & Virtue**
Sermon Title: (3) **Envy & Joy**
Sermon Text: Proverbs 14:30

(Proverbs 14:30, first from the KJV, then from the NLT)

David Jeremiah:

*“Jealousy is the fear that you will lose something valuable to you;
envy is the anger you feel because someone else got what you wanted.
Jealousy is fear, envy is anger.
When you have one, you almost always have the other.”*

VICE & VIRTUE

The Vice of Envy

What Is It?

Webster: *“Painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage.”*

Envy is... *“Unhappiness at the success of others and pleasure at the suffering of others.”*

What It Does?

Proverbs 14:30 – *“It rots our bones.”*

(Proverbs 27:4)

(*We’ll run thru the following verse quickly; I’ll likely reference, but not read them all.*)

(Galatians 5:21, 5:26) (James 3:14) (Genesis 4:5, 37:11)

(Numbers 16:3) (1st Samuel 18:8) (Matthew 27:18) (1st Corinthians 3:3)

(Insert Quote #1 from the bottom of these notes.)

Envy is Self-Mutilation...

It hinders us from seeing our own sins.

It prevents us from seeing our blessings.

It poisons our relationships.

It stalls out our spiritual growth.

It essentially accuses God of injustice.

(Insert Quote #2)

What Can We Do About It?

Admit it – *Confess it as sin.*

Ask for forgiveness – *Accountable to God and self.*

(1st Corinthians 13:4) (Romans 12:10)

But what Virtue can we replant?

The Virtue of Joy

Why Joy?

Because that is what Envy robs from us.

(Romans 12:15)

Because this is what JOY is all about...

JESUS – *Identity/value comes from Him.*

Others – *Nobody can diminish who we are in Him.*

You – *Nothing can make you more/less valuable to Him.*

(Proverbs 14:30, NLT)

(Insert Quote #3)

Root Out Envy, Replant Joy

Be grateful.

Trust God.

Use an altar to alter.

(Quote #1)

Socrates...

*"Envy is the daughter of pride,
the author of murder and revenge,
the begetter of secret sedition,
the perpetual tormentor of virtue.
Envy is the filthy slime of the soul;
a venom, a poison, a quicksilver,
which consumes the flesh and dries up the bones."*

(Quote #2)

Erma Bombeck...

*"Lord, if You cannot make me thin,
at least make my friends look fat."*

(Quote #3)

*"Envy is the 'Pac Man' of the soul:
eating away,
stealing joy,
filling with bitterness."*