

REDUCING RIVALRY IN RELATIONSHIPS

1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love does not envy."

Jealousy: I want what you _____!

Envy: I want what you have but I want you to _____ what you've got!

Examples : Jacob & Esau, Cain & Abel, Rachel & Leah, Joseph & his brothers

How Envy Ruins Relationships

- It causes _____

"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?" James 4:1

- It kindles _____

"Our lives were full of resentment and envy. We hated others and they hated us." Titus 3:3 (LB)

"For where you find envy ... there you find disorder and every evil practice." James 3:16

- It makes me _____

"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones!" Proverbs 14:30

Envy is to your soul what cancer is to your body.

How to Overcome Envy in Relationships

- _____ comparing yourself with others.

"We do not dare classify or compare ourselves ... (It) is not wise." 2 Corinthians 10:12

"Let everyone be sure to do his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work done well, and won't need to compare himself with someone else." Galatians 6:4 (LB)

- _____ my uniqueness.

"You (God) created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13 (GN)

"You saw me before I was born. You scheduled every day of my life before I began to breathe." Psalm 139:15

- _____ in what I have.

"It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else." Ecclesiastes 6:9 (GN)

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." Philippians 4:11

- _____ to others in love.

"Love does not envy." 1 Corinthians 13:4

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep." Romans 12:15

"Set your mind on things above not on earthly things." Colossians 3:2