

Jealousy/Envy

Monday

Verse: (Exodus 20:5)

“You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God, am jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me...”

Write verse from your own Bible:

Define these words:

jealous-

worship-

god-(small g)

Questions:

Read verse 4, What are the people not supposed to make?

Read verse 4, What is God saying he is jealous of?

*Read verse 3, What are “gods” that **God** is talking about?*

Practical Application:

God does not want to share your worship with anyone else. Are there things in your life that you are putting in front of serving God? Sports, TV, books, and hobbies are all examples of things that you can make into “gods” and put before serving God. List some things that apply to you and how you want to make a change to put God first in all you do.

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Verse: (II Corinthians 11:2)

“I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.”

Write verse from your own Bible:

Define these words:

godly-

jealousy-

Questions:

Who wrote this chapter?

What is “godly jealousy”?

Jealousy means “exclusive”, or “allowing no one else to interfere”. Is there a difference between “godly jealousy” and “being jealous of someone”?

Practical Application:

Write down a time where you have been jealous of someone.

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Wednesday

Verse: (Proverbs 14:30)

“A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.”

Write verse from your own Bible:

Define these words:

peace-

envy-

rots-

Questions:

What is a heart at peace?

What is meant by “envy rots the bones”?

How are envy and jealousy alike?

Practical Application:

Are you envious of someone? How does that affect you?

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Thursday

Verse: (Proverbs 23:17)

“Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord.”

Write verse from your own Bible:

Define these words:

envy-

zealous-

fear-

Questions:

What is a heart at peace?

How can you be zealous for the fear of the Lord?

How can you envy sinners?

Practical Application:

Do you ever envy someone for how much money they have, or what kind of “stuff” they have, or where they live? What does this scripture tell you about this attitude?

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Friday

Verse: (Exodus 20:17)

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Write verse from your own Bible:

Define these words:

covet-

neighbor-

Questions:

What are some things you should not covet, from this verse?

In Bible times, a manservant, maidservant, or donkey were hot items. God said “Don’t you dare try to desire these things that are your neighbor’s.” What are some modern day things that you desire that your friends have and you don’t?

How does “coveting” make you feel inside? (like fighting, hurting someone, stealing, name calling, crying, jealousy, etc.?)

Practical Application:

This is one of the 10 Commandments. Why do you think God tells us not to covet? Do you need to change in this area?