



## Sermon Questions

Date: *June 26, 2022* | Scripture: *Proverbs on Envy (see reverse)*

1. Read the selections from Proverbs on the next page. What do these warnings teach us about our tendency to envy?
2. Whom do you envy? What does this say about what you value in yourself?
3. Why, according to the verses below, is envying other sinners fundamentally unwise?
4. Envy and jealousy are not differentiated in the Proverbs, meaning we are considering both wanting what somebody else has, and wanting zealously to protect what is yours. Even as we seek out in our hearts the sinful expression of these desires, how might these things find good expression in light of the gospel? Consider this quotation:
  - a. "Don't quit wanting, since you can't. The key is to want the right things. Quit envying the wrong thing: evildoers. Good envy is jealousy for the right things to be loved." (Bill Fullilove)
5. Envy turns to hatred and causes spiritual rot. Where might you need to repent, and celebrate the good things someone else has as gifts from God?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

6. Is there someone whom you have been guilty of envying, and possibly hating? How could you reverse that by loving them and celebrating the gifts they have been given? Pray and take action.
7. Are there areas of your life where you might be provoking someone to envy? Consider sharing life more closely with that person, as Christ has for you, giving up all things (Philippians 2).

### **WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 4:1-11
- Psalm 20
- Ecclesiastes 4:1-8
- Mark 15:6-15
- Titus 3:3-7
- James 4:1-10

*Serve*: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer

*Pray* for our young people in Scotland this week

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

**Proverbs 3:31-32 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> Do not envy a man of violence  
and do not choose any of his ways,  
<sup>32</sup> for the devious person is an abomination to the LORD,  
but the upright are in his confidence.

**Proverbs 23:17-18 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> Let not your heart envy sinners,  
but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.  
<sup>18</sup> Surely there is a future,  
and your hope will not be cut off.

**Proverbs 24:1-2 (ESV)**

Be not envious of evil men,  
nor desire to be with them,  
<sup>2</sup> for their hearts devise violence,  
and their lips talk of trouble.

**Proverbs 24:19-20 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> Fret not yourself because of evildoers,  
and be not envious of the wicked,  
<sup>20</sup> for the evil man has no future;  
the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

**Proverbs 27:4 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming,  
but who can stand before jealousy?