

LOVE DOES NOT ENVY
ALL WE NEED IS LOVE - Part 3 of 9

“Love does not envy.” 1 Cor. 13:4b

**What is ENVY? Resenting God's goodness to others
and Ignoring God's goodness to me**

Wherever there is envy... you'll find every kind of evil.
James 3:16

THE ANTIDOTE FOR ENVY

Jesus' Story of the Vineyard Workers (Matt. 20)

1. STOP _____ YOURSELF TO OTHERS

Those hired last came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more.
Matt. 20:9-10a (Mes)

Comparing leads to _____ or _____

2. START _____ GOD'S GRACE TO OTHERS

The workers who had been hired first thought they would be given more than the others. But when they were given the same, they began complaining to the owner of the vineyard... He said, “Are you envious because I am generous to them?”
Matt. 20:10-11, 15b (CEV/NIV)

Rejoice with those who rejoice! Rom. 12:15

3. BE GRATEFUL FOR _____

Isn't everything you have and everything you are sheer gifts from God? So what's the point of all this comparing and competing? You already have all you need! 1 Cor. 4:7b-8a (Mes)

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

4. TRUST GOD WHEN _____

These last workers put in only one easy hour, and yet you have made them equal to us – we who slaved all day under a scorching sun!
Matt. 20:12 (Msg)

The Owner:

Friends, I didn't cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on... What business is it of yours if I want to pay them the same that I paid you? Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money?
Matt. 20:13-15a (CEV)

When you're envious you are _____ with God

Envy is the _____

Doubting God is the _____

5. KEEP FOCUSED ON _____ FOR YOU.

The Owner:

Take your money now and go! Matt. 20:14a (GW)

Let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us. Heb. 12:1 (LB)

You saw me before I was born and scheduled every day of my life before I began to breathe. Psa. 139:15 (LB)

Opportunities to Grow at Grace:

The next thing God wants me to do: _____

Jesus concluded:

And so it is, that many who are first now will be last then and those who are last now will be first then... If you want to be great, you must become the servant of all the others.
Matt. 20:16 & 26 (NLT/CEV)