



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING

Envy

Introduction: We are studying a series on TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING. We seek to recognize the things that happen when we DON'T give God our best. What gets in our way? What things can cripple our own spirituality along with those around us. We need to recognize these enemies and defeat them before they become toxic. Thus far we have considered covetousness and greed, but what about envy? How are they any different? Consider what Paul says in **I Corinthians 3:1-4**. Why should we avoid envy? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Biblical Principles

- A. Envy leads to disgrace (**Proverbs 3:31-35**).
- B. Envy leads to danger (**Proverbs 6:30-35**).
- C. Envy leads to degradation (**Proverbs 14:30**).
- D. Envy leads to delusion (**Proverbs 23:17-18**).
- E. Envy leads to devastation (**Proverbs 27:4**).

II. Biblical Examples

- A. The First Family (**Genesis 1-4**)
- B. The Philistines (**Genesis 26**)
- C. Joseph's Brothers (**Genesis 37**)
- D. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram (**Numbers 16**)
- E. The Older Brother (**Luke 15:11-32**)

Conclusion: Envy is not from God because it is toxic (**Galatians 5:16-26**). Toxic Christian living consists of a hypocritical walk. Are you ready to defeat these enemies? Then take action immediately. Do you believe in Jesus? Are you following Him daily? Do you believe in the Bible? Are you obeying what the Bible tells you? Why are you waiting to make things right? Don't let envy rule your life! It's time to give God what He deserves... our very best!

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