

**God Doesn't Hate You  
He Hates Everything That Hurts You  
Part 5**

*Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 1:4-5***

*We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:19***

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When I envy someone, I desire what they have, what they want, what they are, how they look, how they feel, what they do in their life.

**4 Ways Envy Harms Me:**

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*God, you knit me together in my mother's womb ... Your workmanship is marvelous ... You watched me as I was formed in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. **Psalms 139:13-16***

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*No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. **Matthew 6:24***

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*I've learned why people work so hard to succeed; it is because they envy the things their neighbors have. But this is foolishness, like chasing the wind... **Ecclesiastes 4:4-8***

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Wherever there is envy and rivalry, there will also be confusion, (unrest, disharmony) and every kind of evil. **James 3:16**

*The kingdom of heaven is like a farmer who owns some land. One morning he went out very early to hire people to work in his vineyard. The owner agreed to pay the workers a dollar for working that full day. Then he sent them into the vineyard to work. About nine o'clock the owner went out to the marketplace and saw people standing there doing nothing so he said, 'If you'll go to work in my vineyard I'll pay you too what your work is worth. So these people also went to work in the vineyard. About twelve o'clock and again at three o'clock the owner went up and did the same thing, hiring more workers. Finally about five o'clock the owner went to the marketplace one last time and he saw others standing there. He asked, 'Why did you stand here all day doing nothing?' They said, 'Because no one gave us a job.' The man said, 'Then you can go work in my vineyard too.' At the end of the day the owner of the vineyard said to his supervisor, 'Call all the workers and pay them. But start with the last people I hired and end with those I hired first.' When the workers who were hired at five o'clock came to get their pay each of them received a full dollar. So when the workers hired first came to get their pay they assumed that they'd be paid more than the late workers. But each one of them also received one dollar. When they were paid they complained to the landowner. Those guys you hired last only worked for an hour. But you paid them the same as you paid us who worked hard all day in the hot sun.' The vineyard owner said, 'Friend, I'm being fair to you. You agreed to work for a dollar. So take your pay and go. What is it to you if I want to give the men hired last the same pay that I gave you? Can I not do whatever I want with my own money? Why are you envious because I am generous to others?' Those who have the last place now will have the first place in the future. And those who have the first place now will be given last place in the future.*

**Matthew 20:1-16**

### To Eliminate Envy From My Heart

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*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. **Matthew 20:9-10***

*We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are 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 well done, and won't need to compare himself with someone else. **Galatians 6:4***

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*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 Corinthians 4:7-8***

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

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*These last workers only put in one easy hour and yet you've made them equal to us - we who slaved all day long under the hot sun! **Matthew 20:12***

*"Friends I'm not being unfair! I paid you exactly what we agreed on. Take your part and go! What business is it of yours if I want to pay others the same as I paid you? Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money?" **Matthew 20:13-14***

WITTY Principle - What Is That To You?

**Envy Is A Battle With God**

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