

20) How do we remember that the Lord is good?

## The 7 Deadly sins Envy

**Wisdom of Solomon 2:24** <sup>24</sup> Nevertheless through envy of the devil came death into the world: and they that do hold of his side do find it.

1) How did death come into the world through envy?

**James 3:14-16 (ESV)** <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

2) What does James warn against?

3) Where does envy start?

4) Why is envy dangerous according to James?

**Mark 7:20-23 (GW)** <sup>20</sup> He continued, “It’s what comes out of a person that makes him unclean. <sup>21</sup> Evil thoughts, sexual sins, stealing, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, wickedness, cheating, shameless lust, envy, cursing, arrogance, and foolishness come from within a person. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from within and make a person unclean.”

5) Is there anything in the list of evil Jesus gives that surprises you?

6) Where does Jesus say envy starts?

7) According to Mark 7 are we able to say, “The devil made me do it?” Why or why not?

**1 Timothy 6:3-5 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup> If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound<sup>l</sup> words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, <sup>4</sup> he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup> and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

8) How can false teaching lead to envy?

**Galatians 5:26 (GW)** <sup>26</sup> We can’t allow ourselves to act arrogantly and to provoke or envy each other.

9) Paul is writing to believers. How can believers envy each other?

**Proverbs 23:17 (GW)** <sup>17</sup> Do not envy sinners in your heart. Instead, continue to fear the LORD

10) Why would someone envy sinners?

Dorothy Sayers “Envy is the great leveler: if it cannot level things up, it will level them down . . . At its best, envy is a climber and a snob; at its worst it is a destroyer; rather than have anyone happier than itself, it will see us all miserable together.”

11) Would you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

12) Based on these past verses, what are the daughters of envy?

13) Why is envy so deadly?

**1 Corinthians 13:4 (ESV)** <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

13) What conquers envy?

14) Where do we find this kind of love?

15) How did Jesus show this kind of love?

**1 Peter 2:1-3 (GW)** <sup>1</sup> So get rid of every kind of evil, every kind of deception, hypocrisy, jealousy, and every kind of slander. <sup>2</sup> Desire God’s pure word as newborn babies desire milk. Then you will grow in your salvation. <sup>3</sup> Certainly you have tasted that the Lord is good!

16) What is the first step in getting rid of a sin?

17) What should we replace envy with according to Peter (v.2)?

18) How do we do this?

19) How do we taste that the Lord is good?