

The Relational Disciple



Do Not Envy One Another

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Do not envy one another.

Read: Envy is a deed of the flesh. It is one of the deeds of the flesh that are listed in Galatians 5:21. The scripture is very clear. Those who practice the deeds of the flesh will not inherit the kingdom of God within them. The kingdom of God which has the attitudes of being (the beatitudes), flowing from it, doesn't practise envying, because it has no reference for it.

If we are envying someone or something, it is because the kingdom of God isn't being formed within us. The kingdom of God which is a kingdom of the Spirit within us, is a completely different kingdom realm. The reason why we envy is because our flesh is still alive and well and hasn't yet been crucified by Truth.

We are envious of another because we ultimately are comparing ourselves with another or what they may have. We are not satisfied with who we are and who we are called to be, so we envy someone else and what is upon their life. We need to come to the place of being content with who God has called us to be, with the gift on our life, and flow in this identity, as it is all for the purpose of being part of His family and the building up of His family.

God is the one who gives and He gives generously for His own purposes. Envying along with the other deeds of the flesh, are a clear sign that our flesh nature is still alive and well, which means we will be in opposition to those of the spirit.

Galatians 5:25-26 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

This flesh nature is anti-Christ and will set its mind on pulling down the body rather than building the body up. Let this not be us and if we are, let us find true Godly repentance which produces true Godly sorrow, where we turn and start living completely differently to the way we were.

Questions:

1. Why is envying one another so destructive in the body of Christ?
2. Why do followers envy one another, when we are called to love one another?
3. The orphan spirit which fights for everything and envies others is very destructive. What must one receive to overcome this orphan spirit?
4. What is the opposite spirit of envying others and why is it essential we live from this position?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.