

Love Does Not Envy

SERIES: ALL ABOUT LOVE
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Key Verse

1 Corinthians 13:4b (NIV)

"Love does not envy."

James 3:16

"Wherever there is envy... you'll find every kind of evil."

The Antidote For Envy

Jesus' Story of the Vineyard Workers (Matthew 20)

1. Stop _____ yourself to others.

Matthew 20:9-10a (Msg)

"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."

2. Start _____ God's Grace to others.

Matthew 20:10-11, 15b (CEV/NIV)

"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?'"

Romans 12:15 (NIV)

"Rejoice with those who rejoice!"

3. Be grateful for _____

1 Corinthians 4:7b-8a (Msg)

"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!"

Ecclesiastes 6:9 (GN)

"It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else."

4. Trust God when _____.

Matthew 20:12 (Msg)

"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!"

Matthew 20:13-15a (CEV)

"The Owner: "Friends, I didn't cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on... What business is it of yours if I pay them the same that I paid you? Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money?"

5. Keep focused on _____.

Matthew 20:14a (GW)

The Owner: "Take your money now and go!"

Hebrews 12:1 (LB)

"Let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us."

Psalms 139:15 (LB)

"You saw me before I was born and scheduled every day of my life before I began to breathe."

Jesus concluded:

Matthew 20:16 & 26 (NLT/CEV)

"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."

ANSWER

Comparing: Enjoying; What you already have; Life seems unfair; God's plan for you.

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