

# theHOME SHEET

Vices | Part 2 | Envy  
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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. **-Isaiah 43:4**

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.  
**-Ecclesiastes 4:9**

Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.  
**-Galatians 1:10**

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

1. Envy is defined as “wanting the very thing that belongs to another.”
  - a. Share about a time you wished you could possess the very thing that belonged to another (you weren't just jealous that they had it, but you wished you had it instead).
2. How does envy effect our self-worth?
3. What does the Bible say about our worth in the Isaiah scripture above?
4. Has envy ever ruined a friendship or relationship of yours?
  - a. What does the Ecclesiastes scripture above say about working together, rather than competing against one another?
5. Think of the Galatians scripture above. Are you guilty of seeking out the approval of others people?

## PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Overcoming the vice of envy is a three-step practice:

1. We have to learn to see ourselves the way God sees us (Isaiah 43:4).
2. We need to start participating in activities where competition is nonexistent (Ecclesiastes 4:9).
3. We have to stop seeking the approval of others, and instead seek our self-worth from God (Galatians 1:10).