

c. Look Out: Be a _____

d. Look ahead: Be _____



Making It Personal

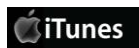
1. Where has envy been allowed to take root and steal away your joy?
2. How do things like facebook, TV and other forms of media affect you when it comes to envy?
3. What changes, based on this study, do you need to make?

Looking Ahead

Next week we begin a brand new sermon series on TEMPTATION entitled, "Don't Go There!" Prepare yourself to be challenged and encouraged as we engage with the realities of temptation that are all around us.

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Message Notes



Life Group Study Notes

Study based on
Proverbs
23:17-19

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This Week's Message

In this final message of our series we examine our human tendency to feel left out and deserving of more. This feeling has the power to steal our joy, contentment and hope. But can it be redeemed? Can wisdom help us convert this longing for more into something that actually leads to a better life?



Study

1. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss or expand upon?
2. Bertrand Russell said that “envy is one of the most potent causes of unhappiness.” How do you see this statement being played out in our world?
3. In the message it was said that comparison is the breeding ground for envy. Discuss this statement further.
4. **Read Proverbs 23:17-19.** Is there a positive side to envy? Can it motivate us to continue to “fear the Lord”?
5. **Read Proverbs 24:19-20.** Why can it appear as though the wicked prosper? Do they really?
6. **Read Psalm 37:1-9.** What commands do these verses give us that will help us resist envy?
7. **Read Luke 12:13-21.** What does this parable teach us about life and what is truly important? How does this help with envy?
8. What were the four suggestions given in the message for living with wisdom in the face of envy? Discuss each one.
 - a. Look up: Be _____
 - b. Look around: Be _____