



The Danger of Envy

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When the Game is Just a Game



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When the Game Becomes Our [Life](#) (Defining Envy)

What is Envy?

- To want what belongs to someone else. (something you do not have)
- A resentful, dissatisfied longing for another's possessions, position, fortune, achievements, or success.
- "Feeling Bitter when others have it Better" - Rebecca DeYoung

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What does God say about Envy?

Proverbs 14:30

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

Mark 7:21-23

For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

James 3:14-15

But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

James 3:16

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

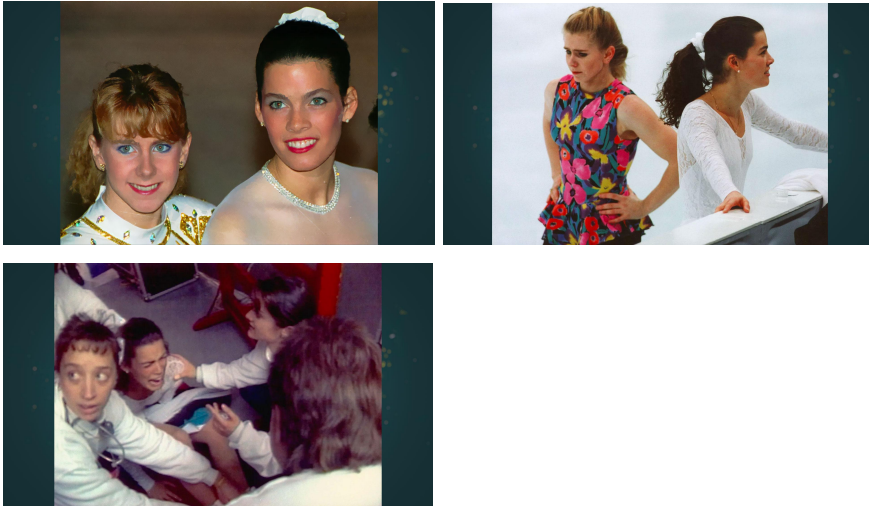
Unveiling The Game Master

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Enemy's Tactics to Fuel Envy

- Confusion
- Comparison
- Competition



The only way to win this game is not to play!

Envy is a losing game.

1 Peter 2:1

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

A Better Way to Live (Virtues and Tactics; The Antidote to Envy)

Virtues and Tactics: Idea 1 - Fill Your Day with Gratitude

Virtues and Tactics: Idea 2 - Exercise Patience and trust in God's timing

Virtues and Tactics: Idea 3 - Live in Contentment and let go of things out of your control

Virtues and Tactics: Idea 4 - Walk Humbly

Virtues and Tactics: Idea 5 - Embrace and Express the Love of Christ!

Love

The Essential Ingredient!

What is my next step away from the dangerous sin of envy?