

Pastor Kevin Fischer ~ October 30th & 31st, 2021

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. So no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

Love is patient and kind. **It does not envy**, it does not boast, it is not proud. [1 Corinthians 13:1-4](#)

Envy: RESENTING God's goodness to others and IGNORING God's goodness to me

Wherever there is **envy**...you will find many **troubles**. [James 3:16 \(TPT\)](#)

A peaceful mind gives life to the body, but envy **rots the bones**. [Proverbs 14:30 \(CEB\)](#)

3 ANTIDOTES FOR ENVY

1. STOP _____ YOURSELF TO OTHERS

Those hired at 5 o'clock came to get their pay, they were each given a day's wage. When those who were hired first **saw that, they assumed** they would get far **more**. [Matthew 20:9-10 \(NLT\)](#)

2. START _____ GOD'S GRACE TO OTHERS

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?" [Matthew 20:10-11, 15b \(CEV/NIV\)](#)

Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. [Romans 12:15 \(NIV\)](#)

3. TRUST GOD WHEN _____ .

Jesus: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, for I have overcome the world!!" [John 16:33 \(NIV\)](#)

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 20:12 \(MSG\)](#)

The Owner: "Friends, I didn't cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on... **What business is it of yours** if I want to pay them the same that I paid you? **Don't I have the right** to do what I want with my own money?" [Matthew 20:13-15 \(CEV\)](#)

Daily Bible Readings

Mon—[1 Corinthians 13:1-8](#)//**Tue**— [James 3:13-18](#)

Wed—[Galatians 6:3-5](#)//**Thu**— [Colossians 3:1-4](#)

Fri—[Exodus 20:17](#)//**Sat/Sun**—[Psalm 37:1-40](#)

Memory Verse:

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Weekend Service Times:

Sat. at **6:15 p.m.** & Sun. at **10:30 a.m.** & **12:15 p.m.**