## Choose Wisely Cancers of the Soul - Envy

Pity is for the living, envy is for the dead. ~Mark Twain

"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones." - Proverbs 14:30

## The Vise Called Envy

A heart of peace is life to the body.

Proverbs 14:27
<sup>27</sup> The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.

Proverbs 21:21 <sup>21</sup> He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

The contrast to this righteous living is this cancer called ENVY.

Jealousy makes us fear to lose what we possess; envy creates sorrow that others have what we have not.

It may prove helpful to think of "zeal" as the original sense from which derived the notions "zeal for another's property" = "envy" and "zeal for one's own property" = "jealousy."

Timeless Truth: Avoid this strong desire and deep devotion for an object at all cost.

## The Visit By Envy

- Genesis 26 Isaac
- Genesis 30 Rachel

## The Victory Over Envy

• So how do we rid our heart of envy?

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How can I avoid this cancer called ENVY?
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1 Cor. 13:4 <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
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1Peter 2:2  2 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.
Live in Galatians 5:26
I'm surrounded by an envious person, now what?
1. We need share each others pain and hurt as the body.
2 Christ before others.
3.
4. Remember that this is the only life known to some.