



Deadly Sin Six: Envy

What takes me down more than anything? I believe that I suffer from envy more than all the other sins. I wish I had been more successful. I wish that I had done many more things when I was younger. There has been a ton of I wish, I might, I must. What I am getting at is that I am sure that many of us look to the past and regret. We look at others and regret. In the end, we envy what we did not become.

With that said, is it also true that many of us envy what others have become? I can't run like her. I am not as good as him. We have all said these words at one time or another. Why does a man rape? It's what he can't have. Why do people steal? It's because they desire what they don't own. You could call it greed or dishonest. I call it envy. It's just not good enough to enjoy what has been given. We have to envy what we don't have.

Deep down, Adam and Eve wanted what God had. It wasn't good enough to have the whole world. It wasn't good enough to be free from evil, danger, and clothing. What was God denying them? That is what the Serpent implied. The rule of thumb is that Satan does not make you do anything. He is not that way. Instead he suggests things your heart desires.

Some people think Satan can know our minds. I will say this again, the Bible never suggests that. Instead it says he is roaming around like a lion “looking” for someone to devour. His “looking” means he sees our actions. Satan can see us mope. He can hear us complain. So, what does a nice Satan do? He offers what we don’t have. Satan “the lion” feeds off our envy. That is why it’s a dangerous sin. We all have envy to some degree and the devil knows it.

People are weird. Many would prefer that Satan had their back when it comes to their desires. It’s all about what we deserve and need. They seem to not prefer a God who says “no” to very few things. What is God holding back? It’s not that God is rotten. It’s just that giving us all our desires appears better than holding something back. The price of the choice between God and Satan is envy. If you choose Satan then you will be forever feeding the lion. Desires are never met, only fed.

We buy a car. In time we want a new one. We buy a game ticket and the team loses badly. We walk away disappointed, unsatisfied, and dejected. Many say “I will spend my money elsewhere.” Many people are always roaming around looking for a place to devour. We are our own Satan. Envy says we are entitled. There are certain rights and freedoms. Yet, drinking has risks. Gambling has risks. Leaving a husband for another has risks. Yet, people love having fun in the risk! Envy always promises more than it will deliver. Why?

It is always hungry. It always needs more food. Most days, I feel ok. Yet, at times someone always looks more in control than me. So, I get depressed. Can’t you see it? This generation has been on a kick of depression, mental illness, and personal rights. We have probably the largest choice of consumerism in history. Frankly, there is too much to own and experience than in any other time in history. How is depression possible when we could have so much comfort and luxury like never before? Why is envy dangerous? It always makes your

situation look starved. That is depressing isn't it. Envy needs you to feed it. The devil's ego needs you to feed him. That's a dangerous game when your starving for attention. Envy is very dangerous.