

choices.

Decisions that shape the soul



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**“What is envy and jealousy? It is sorrow for another's good.
It is unhappiness with another's happiness.**

Thomas Aquinas”



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**Envy wants what others have,
while jealousy wants to keep them from having it.**



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RECOGNIZING THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER

You are frequently irritated with someone to a point where you have become hypercritical of them.

When you see someone fall you secretly rejoice.

When someone succeeds you get angry.

You're unhappy and full of self-pity much of the time.

You're obsessively competitive.

You're not a thankful person.




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“ Envy is resenting God's goodness to others and ignoring God's goodness to me.

Rick Warren ”



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Here is the surprise: God made us this way. He made us to yearn – to always be hungry for something we can't get, to always be missing something we can't find, to always be disappointed with what we receive, to always have an insatiable emptiness that no thing can fill and an untamable restlessness that no discovery can still...



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Yearning itself is healthy – a kind of compass inside us, pointing to True North. It's not the wanting that corrupts us. What corrupts us is the wanting that's misplaced, set on the wrong thing." Spurgeon says, "The more of heaven there is in our lives, the less of earth we shall covet. The fear of God casts out envy of men."

Mark Buchanan”



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PROVERBS 23:17

**Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous
for the fear of the LORD**



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HOW DO WE SLAY THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER?

- 1. It doesn't happen by squelching desire.**
- 2. Turning away from envy involves a turning toward Jesus.**
- 3. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.
(Romans 12:15)**



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