

“David: The Early Years” – Message #4
The Green-Eyed Monster
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TEXT: 1 Samuel 18-19

Here Are Four Quick Facts That Help Bring Envy into Focus:

FACT #1: It is the sin no one will _____.

FACT #2: It is a sin with _____ redeeming _____.

FACT #3: It is the sin of moderately _____ people.

FACT #4: It is a sin that makes us _____ the _____
about others.

SIMPLE DEFINITION: Envy is _____ at the _____ of
others, and _____ at the _____ of others.

1 Samuel 18:5-12

5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 Now it had happened as they were coming home, when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments.

7 So the women sang as they danced, and said: Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands.

8 Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?

9 So Saul eyed David from that day forward.

10 And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul cast the spear, for he said, I will pin David to the wall! But David escaped his presence twice.

12 Now Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, but had departed from Saul.

1 Samuel 18:8-9

8 This made Saul very angry. "What's this?" he said. "They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!"

9 So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David. (NLT)

LETTER A: The fact that David is _____ of any wrongdoing
_____ to Saul. Jealousy has
_____ him.

Two Key Points:

POINT #1: Envy is especially the sin of the _____.

POINT #2: The _____ a person is to you ... the _____ your envy is likely to be.

A Dangerous Progression—Four Things That Jealousy Did to Saul.

The first is _____ (1 Samuel 18:8).

The second is _____ (1 Samuel 18:9).

The third is the word “_____” or “_____” (1 Samuel 18:12, 15, 29).

1 Samuel 18:12

12 *Now Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, but had departed from Saul.*

1 Samuel 18:15

15 *Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him.*

1 Samuel 18:29

29 and Saul was still more afraid of David. So Saul became David's enemy continually.

The fourth thing—_____.

Saul's five attempts on David's life.

First, he tries to kill David with a spear (1 Samuel 18:10-11).

Second, he makes David a commander in his army (1 Samuel 18:12-30).

1 Samuel 18:17

17 Then Saul said to David, Here is my older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife. Only be valiant for me, and fight the Lords battles. For Saul thought, Let my hand not be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him.

Third, he tries to spear David again (1 Samuel 19:9-10).

Fourth, he tries to kill David in bed (1 Samuel 19:11-17).

Fifth, he tries to kill David in Ramah (1 Samuel 19:18-24).

1 Samuel 19:24

24 And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

Two Facts:

FACT #1: Saul tried to kill David because he was _____ with _____ and _____.

FACT #2: Saul failed because he could not recognize _____ fundamental _____: David was God's _____ to be king and God was going to _____ by His man.

How, then, can we be set free? Five Helpful Steps

STEP #1: _____ it.

STEP #2: _____ it.

STEP #3: _____ for the _____ of those you envy.

STEP #4: _____ God for the things you _____ in others.

STEP #5: Find someone who _____ your _____.