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“Building Loving Relationships”

I Corinthians 13:4

Content with Your House and Your Spouse #3

I. Understand the Dark Side of Envy: Envy Has a Sinister Past and a Powerful Grip.

A. Satan’s quest to rule heaven—Isaiah 14:12-15.

B. Satan’s seduction of Eve in the garden—Genesis 3:4-6.

C. God’s prohibition of envy on Mt. Sinai [The Ten Commandments] - Exodus 20:17.

D. The root meaning of envy: “To boil”

II. Understand the Way Envy Operates: Envy Takes Us Down a Predictable Path.

A. Stage One: Discontentment from unfulfilled expectations

B. Stage Two: Disillusionment: confusion enters our thoughts

C. Stage Three: Deception: infatuation with an illusion

D. Stage Four: Desire: the message we tell ourselves –“I can’t live without it.”

E. Stage Five: Destruction: the relationship is damaged

III. Understand the Way to Overcome Envy.

A. Honest confession

B. Self control over your thoughts

C. Consideration of others

D. Practicing contentment