

Love Does Not Envy (Generosity)

I Cor. 13:4a

1. The Concept of Envy

- **Generosity vs. Envy**
- **“Don’t hate, celebrate”**
- **The “Crab syndrome”**
- **Generosity of Spirit is the opposite of envy**
- **Envy – painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with desire to possess the same advantage.**

2. The Command Against Envy

- **Love does not envy:**

“If love is being out done by competitors, it harbors no irritation and feels no distress. It recognizes no jealousy when a rival receives the prize and praise.”
- **Commands: Exodus 20:17, Psalm 37:1, Galatians 5:26**

3. The Character of Envy (Esther 5:9-14)

A. The Context:

- A change in Queens 1:10-12; 2:17, 18
- Haman is Honored 3:1-6; 4:12-17
- Esther's role – 5:1-8

B. The Problem with Envy:

- steals joy (v. 9)
- based on insecurity (vv. 11-13)
- blinds you to your blessings (vv.11-13)
- blossoms into action (v.14)
- leads to self-destruction (6:1-14; 7:1-10)