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Dear ,

**You may need to watch out for this one:** I have often noted that people in the grip of envy or jealousy often do not realize it. This was true of me the first time I sat under a major teaching on it. I thought to myself, "When I was a kid this was a big problem, but not lately." Wrong! The more I listened, the more the Holy Spirit opened my blinded eyes to see the how secret operations of this stronghold continued after I had pushed it down. **The good news about conviction is that what you "see" you can learn to avoid!**

Steve

## How This Stronghold Began

*You were set up for it from the beginning...*

**Not receiving a full assurance** that we are loved, that we belong and that our lives therefore hold great meaning and purpose, leaves us a prey for the undercutting work of envy and jealousy. Envy and jealousy scream out: "They are getting what I need and deserve!"

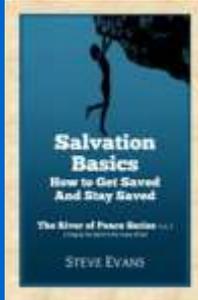


**Sure it is black-hearted**, but it is also revealing of a deep-seated pain and an invisible reality: **All of us have been robbed.** None of us are getting what we desperately need and were meant to have. The enemy came in through Adam's sin and stole from every child what God desired them to receive, even from the moment of conception.

**All of us were blocked at birth** by Adam's nature from knowing in the depth of our spirits that we are totally loved, fully forgiven, completely accepted by our Loving Father. The spiritual "umbilical cord" that was meant to connect us to God's loving heart was severed by the Fall.

**This deep void cannot be completely filled** even by the best of parents. That leaves all of us exposed to the temptations of envy and jealousy. New birth through faith in Christ restores the missing connection, but old emotional habits are hard to break.

**We who believe in Christ are inheritors** of riches beyond our

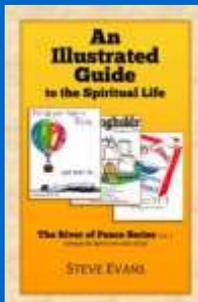


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wildest dreams (Ephesians 1:11-18; Colossians 1:12; 1 Peter 1:4). But ***we may still be held captive*** by the old feelings of deprivation and old patterns of striving to get "our fair share."

St. Francis said, "He who has nothing can enjoy everything." That may well be true, but only if he (or she) ***deals with the stronghold of envy and jealousy first!***

## What It Feeds On

***Starve it death, then take the antidote...***

**Envy and jealousy grow out of three roots:** covetousness, pride and bitterness. Don't feed these roots and the bad fruit of envy and jealousy will die off.



### 1) Covetousness (James 3:14-17).

To covet is to long for or lust for something that is not yours and which belongs to another (God or a person).

**Covetousness always wants more.** It is never content with present blessings. It puts us at enmity with others and with God (James 4:1-4).<sup>1</sup>

**Covetousness is idolatry.** It is putting things before God. As soon as our heart covets something we are putting it ahead of our relationship with Christ and so we do not receive the inheritance of the Kingdom. The Kingdom's peace, joy and power are lost to us when we choose an idol rather than the Lord (Ephesians 5:3-5). ***Coveting focuses on getting more from God.***

**Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.** Colossians 3:5

**2) Pride (1Ti 6:3-5).** Pride tries to cover over or fill in the awful sense of not really having what we needed (of love and acceptance) or of being who we ought to be.

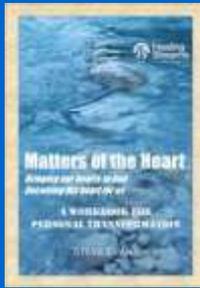
- \* Pride is competitive, comparing our self with others-to feel or to prove we are better.
- \* Pride cares less in what it has than whether or not is has more or better things than others.
- \* Pride therefore wants more than others in order to be above them--and envy sets in.

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**3) Bitterness** (James 3:14-16). Bitterness towards others makes us resentful when they do well or receive blessings. Self-bitterness can make us feel that we haven't received what we needed or deserved (self-pity). Either way, if bitter envy is in the heart it is something truly demonic and evil.

***Give it no place!***

**Beware to compare!** When we don't get what we want and are not content to trust God's provision for us, we may look around and compare ourselves to others, wanting what they have. **You can't win at this.** Always some will have less, but others more. Trust God to be measuring out what blessings are truly right and needful for you and keep your eyes on Him.

**Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.** 2 Corinthians 10:12

**God's Antidote for Envy and Jealousy**

***You have to take the medicine daily...***

**Godly contentment is the opposite** of envy and jealousy. Paul says that godly contentment was something that he learned--and we can, therefore, learn it too!



**Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.** Philippians 4:11-12

**Contentment is actually great gain.** Not only does it give us a genuine sense of freedom and well-being, it is one thing that we can safely desire to have more of.

**Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare.** 1 Timothy 6:6-9

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keep us thinking about and noticing what others have and what we don't have.

**Why should this seem so natural?** Isn't the Holy Spirit in us working to help us notice what others don't have (so we can pray for them or serve them) and what we do have (so we can be thankful and rest contented). **Why is the voice of the enemy so much easier to hear?** Are we that well practiced at listening to him? We need to be much more discerning about which spirit is directing our perceptions!

**There is a great joy in the world of things** and in the operation of spiritual gifts, but it is not found in what we can get for ourselves by our own striving. True joy is found in what we see the Great God of heaven actually giving to us freely out of His love and care.

**From this faith-awareness of God's favor**, flows endless and deep satisfaction. **That is Paul "secret"!** Everything can come to be seen as a love gift--both what our All-Loving Father provides as well as what He withholds. And in that there are such treasures of contentment, security and love to fill even the emptiest of hearts. Let us pray:

*Father, forgive me wherever I have doubted your goodness or wisdom in how You have provided for me throughout my life. Forgive me wherever I have sought Your Hand of blessing and failed to seek Your Face of love. Forgive me wherever I have measured Your love by my lack, rather than by the Cross where You Yourself willingly suffered loss for my sake. I see Your love now and I cast myself fully and freely upon Your wisdom in what You choose to provide and what You choose to withhold. Let it all work to bring me to that place of incomparable joy where I finally see all of my life as loving gifts from My Beloved.*

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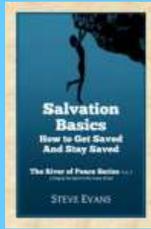


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*Steve and Eunice*

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***Let's all jump in!***

Sincerely,

*Steve and Eunice Evans*

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