

INTERNAL ENEMIES

WEEK 1 // JEALOUSY

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There are things inside of us that can do far more damage than the things outside of us.

If we don't learn to handle these enemies and keep them in check, they can destroy us.

Jealousy : feeling or showing envy of someone or their achievements and advantages

Jealousy is a formidable enemy .

"Jealousy says, 'God owes me.'" – Andy Stanley

Jealousy is a gateway drug to other sin.

For the woman's jealous husband will be **furious**, and he will show **no mercy** when he takes **revenge**. He will **accept no compensation**, nor be satisfied with a payoff of any size.
Proverbs 6:34-35

Jealousy is easily hidden .

Jealousy can become uncontrollable .

Anger is cruel, and wrath is like a flood, but jealousy is **even more dangerous**. *Proverbs 27:4*

This was their song: "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!" *1 Samuel 18:7*

Be careful what you wish for.

"I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer."
– Jim Carrey

Then I observed that most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors. But this, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind. *Ecclesiastes 4:4*

"There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God."
– Blaise Pascal

Trust God for what you need.

"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities." *Luke 16:10*

Be grateful .

To further explore and apply this message with your small group, visit eclife.org/groups to access this week's group discussion questions.

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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Full list of events and registration is available at eclife.org's EVENTS page

VERB

Designed to help 7th-12th grade students connect with God and with one another, each month's VERB focuses on a different theme that will help students grow in their relationship with Jesus. Students will experience a friendly, welcoming environment that is both fun and encouraging.

When: Sunday, September 15, 6:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus E-Café & Auditorium

The 1824

Join us for an environment created specifically for young adults: 18* to 24 years old. Each month, we gather for worship, teaching, and a chance to chat with others facing similar unique life experiences.

When: Thursday, September 19, 7:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus Fieldhouse

**18-year-old attendees must be graduated seniors.*

Night of Worship

An opportunity for us all to raise our voices and hands in praise to God! Childcare is available for children ages 0-3. \$10 per child.

When: Thursday, October 3, 7:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus Auditorium