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1 Corinthians 13:4 - *It does not envy...* (NIV)

Exodus 20:17 - *You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.* (NLT)

Learning #1: Envy fuels many of the ways we go wrong.

James 3:16 - *For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.* (NIV)

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

Proverbs 14:30 - *A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body; jealousy is like cancer in the bones.* (NLT)

Matthew 20:14-15 - *Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?* (NIV)

Learning #2: Comparison is the root of envy.

Matthew 20:10 - *When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day's wage.* (NLT)

Learning #3: Getting to know people decreases our envy.

Matthew 20:11-12 - When they received their pay, they protested to the owner, 'Those people worked only one hour, and yet you've paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat. (NLT)

Romans 12:15 - Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. (NLT)

Learning #4: Gratitude and trust free us from envy.

Ecclesiastes 6:9 - Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—like chasing the wind. (NLT)

Hebrews 12:1 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. (NLT)