

Envy

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 23:15-19, 14-30

Are you glad or envious when your friend scores better marks than you? Have you ever thought about it? When our neighbor is doing well and prospering with his own house and cars, envy creeps into our heart. When we begin to compare our lives with others and see that they possess something that we have desired, we start being envious.

Envious people often see others with bitterness and hatred. They will boast about their doings. Such people rejoice when others go through hard times and losses. They will be joyful over the failures of others.

Robert was drawing a beautiful art. On the other side, even Ravi was drawing, but had an evil intent that by some means he should ruin Robert's drawing. Robert had to leave the room as the teacher had called him. This was the moment Ravi was waiting for. He immediately tried to spill some water over the drawing sheets of Robert. His hands slipped and poured out the water on his own sheets.

When Robert returned, he felt pity for Ravi as his sheets were spoilt because of the water spill. He helped Ravi to do the drawings again. Then Ravi said to him, "I tried to spill water on you sheets so that you will not win this competition, but it slipped my hands and poured out on my sheets. I intended evil against you whereas you are trying to help me. I'm sorry". Do not be envious of others. Do not compare yourself to others. God has created each person with unique abilities and talents. Yes! You are unique.

Envy will lead to sickness. The reason for your envy is your low self esteem and the wrong conception you have about yourself. Just trust in the Lord and He will exalt you. Your hope will not go in vain. Blessed are those who have the Lord as their God. Therefore, You are Blessed!

Questions:

1. What is the reason for envy?
2. How has God created you?
3. Who are those who have the Lord as their God?