Envy and jealousy

1) Joseph and his brothers – Genesis 37:1-11

* Envy turned to bitterness and Joseph’s brothers wanted to kill him
* Envy wants what others have. Jealousy is a fear that someone will take what you have.

2) Seven things about envy

1. Love does not envy – 1 Corinthians 13:4
2. Envy rots the bones – Proverbs 14:30
3. Envy brings confusion and evil works – James 3:16
4. Envy causes war and fighting – James 4:1-3
5. Envy put Jesus on the cross – Matthew 27:18
6. Envy is worse than explosive anger – Proverbs 27:4
7. Envy is the spirit of murder – Cain and Abel: Genesis 4:4-8

3) How to overcome envy and jealousy

* Be thankful. When praises go up, blessings come down – Hebrews 13:15
* Learn to trust, obey, and believe God – Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 27:13-14
* Be content. God gives you what you can handle. Be a good steward of what you have and more will be given to you – Matthew 25:21, 1 Corinthians 10:13
* Do not compare yourself with others – 2 Corinthians 10:12, Proverbs 23:17
* Rejoice in the success of others and when it is your turn, people will rejoice with you
* Know that God has blessings for you – Hebrews 11:6, Psalm 27:13

It is not what is in your hand but what you can believe God for

We are not limited by our lack of resources, we are only limited by our lack of faith

If you can see the invisible, you can do the impossible

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