

GOD WORKS THROUGH PROBLEMS

Family Devotion – Lesson 27

MEMORY VERSE – PROVERBS 6:34

“For jealousy is the rage of a man.”

- Jealousy is defined as:
 - being envious (resentful) towards another because of what they have or who they are
 - coveting someone’s possessions or position (10th Commandment)
- Jealousy can often lead to:
 - rage (uncontrollable anger)
 - violent behavior
 - hurting others emotionally
 - depression
 - bitterness
 - division
 - murder
- When you have jealousy in your heart, it is a serious sin! If it does not get taken care of, it can easily grow into a BIG PROBLEM!
- Jealousy is a signal in your heart that you have a problem. It is at this point that God can work on your heart and make you better.
 - 1) Confess it to God (1 Jn. 1:9)
 - 2) Learn to be content (1 Tim. 6:8)
 - 3) Practice charity (1 Cor. 13:4)
 - 4) Grow up (1 Cor. 3:3)
- It is important to be honest with yourself when you detect jealousy in your life. If it is not taken care of, it can grow like a deadly cancer. Allowing God to help you overcome it will only make you stronger.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Can you think of a time when you were jealous? (This often happens at birthday parties with presents.)
- How does being content keep you from being jealous?
- Instead of being jealous of someone for who they are or what they have, we should...?
(be thankful for them, rejoice with them, appreciate them, be happy for them, praise God with them)

PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to show you when jealousy creeps into your life.
- Ask God to help you be content.

CHALLENGE

- The next time something good happens to someone you know, tell them you are happy for them.