

JEALOUSY VS ENVY

What's the Difference?

Lesson

Based upon

“The Difference Between Jealousy and Envy”

Answer to a question posed to Shaykh Fawzaan

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What is Envy?

“Envy is a **despicable** characteristic, a **blameworthy** characteristic and our Messenger sallahu 'alayhi wa sallam said:” and do not envy one another*.”

If a person finds within himself something for his brother, envy is to wish for the favor to be removed, this is the accurate meaning of it, to wish for the favor to be removed from the one being envied. “



ENVIUS

State/tell the meaning of envy:



How Should We Deal With Envy?

So if a person finds something from that within himself then let him seek refuge with Allah from it and he should supplicate for blessings for his brother/sister and ask Allah from his bounty the likes of what he has given your brother to give it to you as Allah says:

(And do not wish for the things in which Allah has made some of you excel others. For men there is a reward for what they have earned (and likewise) for women there is a reward for what they have earned, and ask Allah of his bounty. Surely, Allah is Ever All Knower of everything. 4:32)



What three things should we do if we have envy?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What does envy do?

So envy is a wicked attribute and the envier he doesn't harm anyone except himself, the envier he only harms himself and envy it only destroys the one who possesses it. It is upon the one who finds this characteristic within his/herself to seek refuge with Allah from the evil of envy, to supplicate for his brothers for blessings and to ask Allah from his bounty for himself.



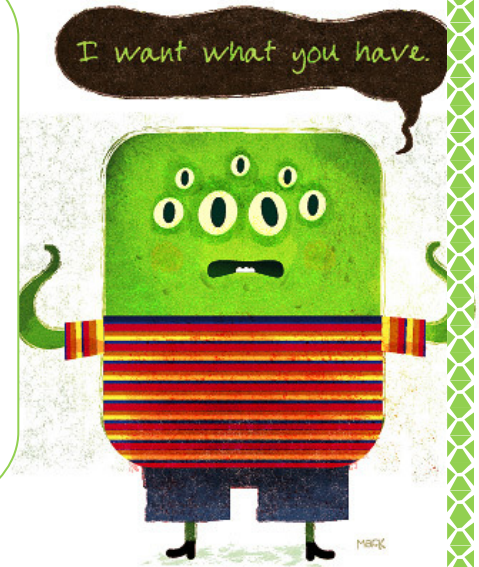
**Who does envy hurt? The one who envies or the one who is envied?
How?**

Talk about how envy could destroy someone.

What is Jealousy?

As for jealousy, then it does not have any envy in it at all.

Jealousy is for a person to wish to have the like, to have the same as the one who has this favor whether it be from worship or knowledge or an abundance of wealth, so he asks Allah or he wishes to be like this individual who Allah has favored.



What is jealousy?

Name three things (from the reading) of which one may be jealous:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What should we do if we find ourselves jealous of someone?

This is something admirable and is not blameworthy. That which is blameworthy is to wish for the favor to be stripped away from your brother/sister, as for you hoping to be given the like of what your brother has been given and you ask Allah for that then this is something honorable and this is jealousy. The messenger sallahu 'alayhi wasallam said: There is no envy except in two instances meaning no jealousy except in two instances, a man Allah has given knowledge, Allah has given him the quran so he stands with it at night and in the daytime and in another wording Allah has given him wisdom so he teaches it and judges between the people by it. And a man Allah has given wealth and he spends it in the way of Allah**.

So whoever wishes to be like these then this is jealousy and it is a honorable thing and it isn't from envy, na'am.

Give two examples of jealousy that is admirable. Being jealous of:

1. _____
2. _____



Footnote:# *Muslim(6214).**Bukhari(152) and Muslim(816).

Arabic Connection

envy	Al hasad	الْحَسَد
jealousy	Al ghibtah	الْغِيْبَةُ
difference	farq	الْفَرْق
The difference between envy and jealousy	Al farq baynal hasad wal ghibta	الفرق بين الحسد والغيبَة

Learn these words. Pronounce them after your teacher. Practice writing them as assigned by teacher.

الْغِيْبَةُ

الْحَسَد

Something Extra

A. Language Connection

Have you ever heard the terms “green with envy” and “green eyed monster?” These refer to people who are envious of another. Why the color green?

Research and see if you can find out why the word green is associated with envy. Write your findings below. Be sure to cite any sources used.



B. Jealousy/Envy Circle Book

Use the circle shapes on the following pages to make a shape book for lapbooks or notebooks.

Older students: Persuasive Writing.

Make a public service poster contrasting jealousy and envy. Use ahadith/ayaat to exhort people to not envy one another (as the Prophet, *salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam*) has told us). Come up with a catchy slogan for your poster to draw attention to it. Can be handwritten or on computer. Add this to your writing portfolio.

JEALOUSY

What is jealousy?

Of what types of things
should we be jealous?

What should we do when
we are jealous?

ENVY

What is Envy?

What should we do when
we envy someone?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Wrapping it Up: Points to Remember

(This part is prepared by TJ, and is not a part of the answer/question)

- Envy is bad.
- Envy is wishing for a favor to be removed from your brother/sister in Islam
- To deal with envy, we should seek refuge with Allah from envy, make dua for the person we envy, make dua to Allah for ourselves for that favor.
- Jealousy can be admirable
- Jealousy is to wish to have something like someone else
- If we are jealous of someone/something we should ask Allah to bestow that favor upon us.
- We should be jealous of people who know more Quraan than us, who have more knowledge of us, who have more wealth that they spend in the cause of Allah.

Remember, as Muslims, we should be fellow brothers/servants of Allah and want for our brothers/sisters what we want for ourselves. We should not want that something good be taken away from a fellow Muslim . Just because someone has something does not mean that there is not enough “left” for us. Remember that Allah’s bounty is endless.

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: Avoid suspicion, for suspicion is the gravest lie in talk and do not be inquisitive about one another and do not spy upon one another and do not feel envy with the other, and nurse no malice, and nurse no aversion and hostility against one another. And be fellow-brothers and servants of Allah.

Muslim Book 9: Hadith 3526

End of Unit