

V. KEEP _____ ON GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU
(v. 14a, 16)

Hebrews 12:1(TLB)
...let us run with patience the **particular** race
that God has set before us.

Psalms 139:16 (TLB)
You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life
before I began to breathe.

CONCLUSION

HEARTS THAT LOVE FULLY
LOVE DOES NOT ENVY
Slaying the Green-Eyed Monster
1 Corinthians 13:4c
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INTRODUCTION

1 Corinthians 13:4c
...love does not envy...

Definition of Envy:
*Resenting God's goodness to others and
ignoring God's goodness to you*

James 3:16
Wherever there is **envy**...you will find **every kind of evil**.

Song of Solomon 8:6 (RSV)
Jealously is cruel as the grave. **Its flashes are flashes of fire**.

Genesis 37:11
His brothers were **jealous** of him.

Matthew 27:18 (NKJV)
They had handed Him over **because of envy**.

Proverbs 14:30
A heart at peace gives life to the body, but **envy rots the bones**.

In Your Bible:
Matthew 20:1-16
(page 976 in the Pew Bible)

Today:
Five Cures for Conquering Envy

I. STOP _____ YOURSELF TO OTHERS
(v. 9-10a)

Galatians 5:25-26 (The Message Bible)

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. 26 That means **we will not compare ourselves with each other** as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

Two Reasons Not to Compare Yourself With Others:

1. You are _____

2. It's Going to Lead to _____

II. START _____ GOD'S GRACE TO OTHERS
(v. 11-12)

Romans 12:15

Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

III. BE _____ FOR WHAT YOU HAVE
(v. 2)

Philippians 4:12

I have **learned** the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

1 Corinthians 4:7-8 (The Message Bible)

Isn't everything you have and everything you are sheer gifts from God? So **what's the point of all this comparing and competing?** 8 You already have all you need.

Ecclesiastes 6:9 (GNT)

It is **better to be satisfied with what you have** than to be always wanting something else.

IV. _____ GOD WHEN LIFE SEEMS UNFAIR
(v. 12-15)

Proverbs 3:5-6 (The Message)

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. 6 Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

Romans 8:31-32

If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 **He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us** all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?