

# PAPER HOUSES

## Green Eyes and Grieved Hearts



As for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.  
- Psalm 73:2-3 (NIV)

### How to identify envy in your heart:

#### 1. You minimize their DIFFICULTIES

They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills.  
- Psalm 73:4-5 (NIV)

#### 2. You maximize their DISOBEDIENCE

Therefore, pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil imaginations have no limits.  
- Psalm 73:6-7 (NIV)

#### 3. You mourn your DEVOTION

Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments.  
- Psalm 73:13-14 (NIV)

When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.  
- Psalm 73:21-22 (NIV)

When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.  
- Psalm 73:16-17 (NIV)

Envy is ANGER AT GOD turned toward PEOPLE

Learn to be GRATEFUL for GREAT things

#### 1. Grateful for God's GUIDANCE

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

#### 2. Grateful for God's STRENGTH

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

#### 3. Grateful for God's PRESENCE

But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.  
- Psalm 73:23-28 (NIV)