

Jealous? Who, Me??



Do you know someone who seems good at everything?

Good at sports, good at schoolwork, good at looking good? Someone who seems to have it all together, who is popular and always successful at whatever he/she tries? Yes, there are talented, good-looking, popular individuals in the world.

And maybe you feel you just can't measure up to them.

You may be a bit slower on the track, or you may struggle with math or science. Maybe you don't have lots of friends and feel a bit lonely at times. Or you may think your family isn't "cool." There are so many things that we can find wrong with ourselves.

Do you feel jealous of those others who seem to have it made?

Well, you know what? God made you, and He knew exactly what He was doing.

In fact, God gave you your unique personality and talents. For example, He may have allowed you to be shy so you can accomplish quiet things for Him. Perhaps you will be an artist, a writer, or an inventor one day – these people are often quiet and shy.



God may not have given you great athletic skill, but He can bless you with a love of other physical activities – such as taking long walks with your dog, or playing badminton with a friend.



He may not have made you a *math whiz* – but you may be a very careful, diligent worker who will succeed in what's important. You can be an inspiration to others!

You may not be popular in the sense of having tons of friends and admirers – but God can send you a few close friends who will be a great blessing to you and vice versa.

God knows your family and home situation. He may be encouraging you to look beyond what's "cool" in the world's eyes, and to see what matters to Him.

At this very moment, God is able to use your situation – whatever it is – to bring about the good He has planned for you.





Disappointments and failures are exactly what God can use to build a special future that will **bleSS** you and others.

Simply ask God to show you what He sees about you. God is more concerned with the kind of person you are inside than with what you can do.

If you could see what blessings God has planned for you, you would dance for joy! God has created a place in His world that only you can fill. You never, ever have to compare yourself to another person on earth.

So, instead of looking with envy at another, turn your eyes to God, who loves you and knows you so well.



Dear Lord - please let me see myself with your eyes.

*Help me to stop comparing myself to others,
and to become the person you want me to be.*

*Thank you so much, in **Jesus'** name.*

*"...No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love Him."*

- 1 Corinthians 2:9