

Boy, I sure like what you have, and I want it

This past week I went on a prayer retreat to the high country of Colorado. It was beautiful; I find so many life and spiritual analogies when I am in the mountains.

Before we departed, I stopped by to visit a friend that is on staff at a church in the community we were at. We toured the building. It is only a couple of years old. I must admit that I am envious of my friend. Not because of the facility. What I was envious of was the view. The sanctuary had a lot of natural lighting in it, and big picture windows that looked out over this beautiful valley. I thought, man if you couldn't connect with God during the worship time at this church, while over looking that view you need to check your pulse!

We have been looking at the seven deadly sins the last couple weeks. Let me throw one more at you today. Remember the idea behind this list of just seven is that they are the root



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of all other sins. If you can have victory over the seven, and allow the Spirit of God to work out their counterpart virtue then a person would be on their way to living an exciting life with God.

Sense, I have that experience and view fresh in my mind from earlier this week, let's deal with envy. What do you say we move from envy to security? Envy is a subtle sin that is often times well disguised. When we say move from envy to security what does that mean? What is insecurity?

This is my opinion, but I think that there are a lot of similarities between envy and insecurity. Why do

I say that? Simple, often from the bases of insecurity we develop this seed that can become envious of other people. Envy is our desire to possess something that is not rightfully ours — it belongs to someone else.

Look at what James says, "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth." Why is James saying that? Because guess what insecurity always leads to? Boasting, lying, and making yourself bigger than you really are. He goes on to say, "Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy

and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice." (James 3:13-16)

Envy starts with desire. The desire to have what another person has. Envy in its rawest form wants to strip someone of something in order to possess it completely for themselves. It starts to feel consuming. People become irrational, and start making stupid decisions.

Let me illustrate it this way, beauty contests didn't start in Hollywood or Las Vegas. Beauty contests began when the second woman arrived on earth! That affects both men and woman. Part of our nature is to bite the hook of the comparison game! Envy is fueled by the comparison trap. You see what another person possesses and you want it. You want to have what you don't have.

Often times the people we become most envious of are the people most like us, or that we want to become most like. That is crazy, but it

works like this, the pretty envy the beautiful. The prosperous envy the rich. The hard working B+ student envies the A student who doesn't have to crack the book.

As we allow ourselves to live in envy we move to disdain. Disdain means to look upon with scorn, to treat someone as beneath notice or dignity. Charles Colton said, "For one man who pity's our misfortune. There are a thousand who hate our successes." Not everyone is happy with your success. How about you, are you happy with peoples successes? Can you rejoice with people? Can you rejoice with the co-worker who got the promotion you were pursuing?

Here is the bottom line. Envy if left unchecked brings destruction. It raises its ugly head by taking personal celebration from others with the attitude of "Why should others enjoy what I can't?"

Proverbs 14:30 says, "A heart

at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones." Have you ever had that happen to you? One man described envy this way and this hurts so read with caution, "The consuming desire to have everyone else to remain as unsuccessful as you are!" We want people to be successful, but just not more successful than us!

Alright, this has been a pretty hard hitting column this week. It may sound kind of depressing even, but trust me there is hope!

But, the only problem is we have to wait till next week to talk about security. May you find your security in the One who formed you and knows you, and we will chat with you next week.

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Purpose of pruning determines timing

I am often asked, "When should I prune my trees?" That answer like many questions has several answers.

It first depends on if the purpose of the job is maintenance pruning or emergency pruning. If the purpose is emergency pruning, all trees are treated the same. If the purpose is for maintenance pruning, then we treat deciduous trees differently than evergreens.

Emergency pruning usually follows wind storms or ice damage. Trees that pose a threat can and should be pruned as soon as it can be done safely. Always assess the area before attempting to remove downed or damaged branches. Make sure power lines are not in the way or, worse yet, mixed in with or down in the branches. If that is the case you will want to have the power crews clean up the lines before proceeding. Always look up because what you are removing may have something above it waiting to come down too.

Another time to prune is when branches become a problem or nuisance. This time usually occurs when plants overgrow and infringe on living spaces. Last summer I

pruned several branches off my trees that had grown out and started to drag on the roof. I have also recommended pruning in areas where the branches are hanging below head height, over walks, or were you mow regularly.

The time I most recommend for pruning deciduous trees is late winter, during dormancy. This is what I call maintenance pruning time for them. The leaves are gone and the trees are open and allow you to see their shapes. By clearly observing the structure of the tree, you are better able to tell what wood needs to be removed. Dormancy pruning also keeps the sap flow (bleeding) to a minimum. While sap lost will not damage the tree in the long term, keeping it minimized is less objectionable to many of us. So if you have a tree that bleeds easily, dormant pruning is best. Remember to avoid pruning when temperatures fall below 20 degrees to prevent damaging woody tissue.

Harlem choir to sing Tuesday night at Colby

The Harlem Gospel Choir will give a concert at 6:30 (Mountain Time) on Tuesday at the Colby High School Auditorium.

The group will sing blues, jazz and gospel spirituals. They con-

sider themselves ambassadors of African-American culture.

Admission is by season ticket of the Western Plains Arts Association or \$20 at the door for adults and \$10 for children.

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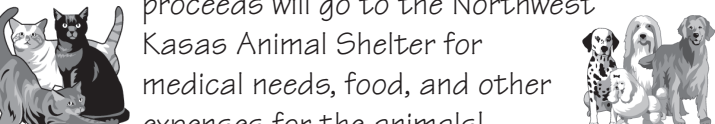
Goodland Police
The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Jan. 11 — 9:29 p.m., 1200 Arcade Ave., Kyle L. Winston reported criminal damage to property.

Jan. 14 — 4:19 p.m., 1317 Colorado Ave., Bradley C. Schibbelhut reported criminal damage to property.

Jan. 16 — 10:13 a.m., 408 W. Seventh, arrested Allegra C. Adolf on a warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

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Morning Service: 10:30 am
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.
Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.
Small Group Ministries meets throughout the week.
www.calvarygospel.net

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
Sunday: 12:30 pm

Word of Life
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10th & Clark • 899-5250
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Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m.

Bible Baptist Church
Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks
Fifth & Broadway
890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Morning Service: 10 a.m.
Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo
La Luz Del Mundo
Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church Brewster
Pastor: Dorine Chambers
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST
Minister: Sheryl Johnson
Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups, Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups, Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship
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Kanorado United Methodist Church
Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Kasey Crosby
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

Goodland Bible Church
109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor: Travis Blake
Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th
890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m. (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
Wheatridge Center

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
Priest: Father Hal Lycett
Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. Thursday
Morning Prayer: Daily, 8 a.m. Thursday and Sunday
For emergencies 890-6969

Harvest Evangelical Free Church
104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth group meets at 7 p.m.
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Mike Larson
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 p.m.

Church of Christ
401 Caldwell
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Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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