

Spirit of Jealousy

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Proverbs 27:4 (NIV) 4 Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

As with every teaching on strongholds, we are going to put jealousy in a glass, hold it up, turn it around and look at it from several angles. I hope that you see this thing for what it really is and shun it from your life! -Lisa

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Jealousy and envy are soul-enemies, and Scripture warns us against them over and over.

Galatians 5:21: Jealousy is a fruit of the flesh

1 Corinthians 13:4: Jealousy is an antonym of love

1 Timothy 6:4: Jealousy is a symptom of pride

James 3:16: Jealousy is a catalyst for conflict

Romans 1:29: Jealousy is a mark of unbelievers

Romans 1:28-32 *Envy is included in the list of consequences of those with a reprobate mind (added to article)

Numbers 5:14: Jealousy is a spirit

Note: In the ministry, I have had a lot of people confess sin to me. It seems to be much easier for a person to confess being afraid or depressed rather than to confess they lie or that they're jealous. All can be spiritual issues. I believe the reason it is hard for someone to fess up to being jealous or being prideful is because 1.) The person may be the only one who does not see it's an issue. Those spirits work in camo. 2) There is shame because the person does not want jealousy, pride, lying, etc. to be a part of their identity and confessing these issues is like confessing that they're a bad person, a failure or moral misfit!

Often Works with:

Pride	Rejection	Anger	Bitterroot	Rebellion
Idolatry (root)	Death/Murder	Infirmity	Victim spirit	Jezebel and Leviathan
Murder	Fear			

Examples of Jealousy in the Bible

- Cain jealous of Abel
- Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery
- Saul was jealous of David
- In Mark 15:20, Pilot noted that it was for envy that the Jewish leaders brought Jesus forward for trial.
- Pharisees and scribes were jealous of Jesus
- Herod was jealous of Jesus the baby

Why I think jealousy is so dangerous:

DANGER #1: JEALOUSY IS NOT SANE!

Have you ever dealt with the insane? I have. You can't reason, you can't use logic, and there's no such thing as an insane person being rational! Unleashed jealousy is just like that! It will cause a person to be unwise and do hurtful things to themselves and others. A jealous person will hurt their own selves to appease their jealousy. Hence, the old saying would work here that Jealousy would cut off its nose to spite its face!

Example: Saul tried to murder the only man (DAVID) who: (1 Samuel 17 & 18)

A) could play his harp and demons would leave Saul

B) volunteered to kill Saul's enemies

C) was completely loyal to Saul even tough:

a. After killing the giant, Saul took David and wouldn't let him go home anymore

b. Saul promised his daughter and riches to the man who killed the giant but went back on his vows.

c. Saul gave David his daughter Michal with the sole intent that she'd be a snare to him.

d. After trying to kill David, which caused David to flee, Saul gave David's wife away to another man

e. Saul chased David relentlessly and killed many men trying to get to him

b. **Note:** Watch a husband or wife get unfounded jealousy in their hearts and the very one they are afraid of losing, they will chase away.

More examples we have of jealousy in the Bible all proved to induce chaotic/insane thinking!

- Joseph's brothers who sold him into slavery and then they had to live with that the rest of their lives and watch their father mourn.
- Rachel and Leah's rivalry stirred jealousy between their sons
- Jealousy of the Pharisees and scribes caused them to kill the son of the one they said they served.

DANGER #2: The Jealousy triggers are fast and fierce and trip other strongholds:

1 Samuel 18:6-8, Saul's love for David switches to anger, hatred and jealousy when Saul hears the women singing a song. The lyrics were how Saul killed 1000s and David 10,000's.

1st Stronghold tripped: Pride. He heard that they thought David was better than him.
(PRIDE)

He already knew that God had rejected him too because of his sin.

2nd Stronghold tripped: Rejection. Saul had a root of rejection already and their song triggered the rejection. (1 Samuel 9:29; 1 Samuel 10:21-22)

3rd Stronghold tripped: Anger/Rage. There was no reason to be angry at David, but the song and the other strongholds cause anger to burn (1 Samuel 18:8)

4th Stronghold tripped: Fear. Fear of David. Fear of losing his position. Fear because the Lord was with David. Perhaps this is how David learned to sing the song, "Lord do not take Your presence from me." (Psalm 51:11)

5th Stronghold tripped: Murder (1 Samuel 18:11,17)

Note: The wiser David was, the worse the jealousy in Saul burned. David was blameless yet was paying a penalty that was not warranted by Saul.

Danger #3: Jealousy motives and actions can be hidden so that not even those near the situation detect the jealousy until it is too late.

- c. Not even his son knows the jealous anger in Saul's heart. We see this in how Jonathan responds to David when David tells his friend that the king wants to murder him: (1 Samuel 20:2)

Jealousy verses Envy

The following came from: <https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-9-envy-green-eyed-tyrant>

Although we sometimes use the words jealousy and envy interchangeably, there is a difference.

Jealousy	Envy
Can be good or bad.	Always bad.
Root word: Zelos (roots word of English words zeal or zealous)	Root word: ftho'-nos thon'-os; probably akin to the base of G5351; ill-will (as detraction), i.e. jealousy (spite):—envy.
To be jealous is to be anxiously suspicious or vigilant.	Envy is defined as "a feeling of discontent and resentment aroused by another's desirable possessions or qualities, accompanied by a strong desire to have them for oneself"

Scripture reminds us, "A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones" (Prov. 14:30).

A quote from Oprah Winfrey:

"I took God out of the box because I grew up in the Baptist church and their rules, and belief systems and doctrine. I happened to be sitting in church in my late twenties. I was going to a church where you had to get there at 8 o'clock in the morning or you couldn't get a seat ... a very charismatic minister where everybody is into the sermon. This great minister was preaching on how great God was and how omniscient and omnipresent and God is everything and then he said, 'the Lord thy God is a jealous God.' I was caught up in the rapture of that moment until he said 'jealous,' and something struck me. I was like 27 or 28 and I'm thinking, 'God is all. God is omnipresent. And God is also jealous?' God is jealous of me? And something about that didn't feel right in my spirit... and that is where the search for something more than doctrine started to stir within me."

That was the moment that her misunderstanding of God and Jealousy spurred her on to the new age movement and error.

- God does not envy. Who would He envy? He owns everything.
- Because He owns everything, He has commanded that we put no idols before Him. Is it not right for Him to look at what is His and be zealous for His creation? God is not insecure. He knows Who He is.

Quote from Pastor Tom Brown, Word of Life Church, El Paso Texas

"God has to feel superior. When God looks at me, He does not get intimidated by me. He is completely secure in Himself. He's the only One with a right to be jealous in all things. He also owns us. He is our creator and He has a right to say what he wants from us. That no one should be replacing Him." – Pastor Tom Brown, Word of Life Church, El Paso Texas.

In relation to jealousy, when someone is jealous, the object of their offense is not a person, even though I may look like it.

Examples:

1. Luke 15 The elder brother in the story known as the Prodigal Son was upset when his younger brother returned and was embraced by this father. His response is typical of jealousy: (note anger, spite, rejection, accusation,

a. **Stated his own merits, justifying himself:** 1. He had served his father and never transgressed his father's orders.

b. **Raised an accusation about the one talking to him:** He said something like "As soon as this "son of yours" came, you fed him the best and you never fed me the beset."

c. **Offense against his younger brother revealing bitterness:** He never referred to the prodigal as his brother but his father's son. He also knew what his brother was up to or accused him of wasting the family money and sleeping around.

i. **In the story, it appears that the jealousy is toward the brother, but really, the elder brother is offended at The Father.** The Father had it in his right to give the inheritance to the younger brother, to rejoice in his homecoming, and to kill the fatted calf.

Riann Lombard brings up a point in his message called jealousy that when we are jeaslous, the offense is not at the situation but at God.

le: If you are jealous become someone else got a position you think you should have. Who is it that promotes?

le: If you think you deserve a blessing but someone else gets it. Who is it that blesses.

Without realizing it, our self-justification turns into accusing God and harboring offense toward Him. The root of jealousy is idolatry and is a friend with pride and anger.

More Reasons to make sure Jealousy is not in your life:

2 Cor 12:20 Jealousy is included with the following:

contentions	outbursts of wrath	selfish ambitions	Back bitings
whisperings	conceits	tumults	

Romans 1:28-32, Envy is listed with:

unrighteousness	sexual immorality	wickedness	covetousness
maliciousness	murder	strife	deceit

evil-mindedness	<i>they are</i> whisperers	backbiters	haters of God
violent	proud	boasters	inventors of evil things
unloving	undiscerning	untrustworthy	disobedient to parents
unforgiving	unmerciful		

Gal 5:19-21: Envy is included in the following works of the flesh:

adultery	fornication	uncleanness	lewdness
idolatry	sorcery	hatred	contentions
jealousies	outbursts of wrath	selfish ambitions	dissensions
heresies	revelries	drunkenness	murders

Jealousy in the Senses

Feels Like:

- Anger
- Bitter
- Tightening of Chest
- Rejection with mixing of anger
- Sadness
- Misery (Pro 14:30 says envy is rottenness to the bones)
- Vindictive
- Resentment
- Desire for Retaliation
- Unable to have joy for others pertaining to: success, promotion, blessings, material goods, abilities, relationships, attention
- Desire for self-attention
- Can feel instinctual
- Feels like injustice, but is misplaced
- Haughty
- Can produce numbness to the feelings of others

It's Mission:

- Disallow the authority and position of God
- To Destroy friendships, local church body, relationships
- Rob of peace and joy
- Blinds to real issues
- Takes focus off God and onto person
- Sows division (1 Cor 3:2-4)
- Keep Christians immature (1 Cor 3:2-4)

Sounds Like:

- Can sound normal. Often it is hidden.
- I'm not sure of the sound, but some of the thoughts that spur jealousy on might be:
 - “they don't deserve it I do”
 - “my kids deserve that, not those kids”
 - “I can do that better.”
 - “they like her better than me”
 - “No one can see me because of her.”
 - “I would be happy if she _____.”
 - “I'd be happy if I had _____”

Looks Like:

- Anger
- Pride

It is difficult to describe what jealousy itself looks like because it encompasses so many emotions. No wonder it has been described as the green eye'd monster. Even Saul "eyed" David after the women sang their song that offended him.

Typical Manifestations when Leaving:

- None
- Yawning
- Belching
- Weeping
- Coughing
- Yelling
- Thoughts may come up in the mind like, "I'm not going." Or "You can't live without me." "it's not fair." "No one loves you."

Some symptoms that a spirit of jealousy may be in operation:

- ✓ Desire to be elevated above others (James and John's mom)
- ✓ Anger or resenting when others get attention (Saul and David)
- ✓ Cannot be happy when others are happy (Michel and David)
- ✓ Plotting to expose another person (Pharisees)
- ✓ Thoughts of self-exaltation
- ✓ You want what someone has (coveting)
- ✓ You deserve what someone has more than they do

The Jealousy Remedy

- Learn to recognize jealousy and isolate why its present.
 - Flesh issue
 - Lack of fruit issue
 - Spirit of Jealousy present
 - Forgive
- Repent (Include idolatry plus anything you've done)
- Ask God to show any lies that started the root.
- Accept and speak the truth
- Command envy and jealousy to go

Keep free by:

- Making a point to quickly recognize jealousy and its friends
- Confront any jealousy with joy and thankfulness.

Not glorifying God and not being thankful is what precipitated the list in Romans 1:28-32 which includes ENVY, so doing the reverse should release it. You will be hard pressed to find someone both

thankful, glorying God and being envious at the same time. Envy is a characteristic of Satan, not our creator!

If you have done all you know to and cannot kick the thoughts, then you want to dig a little deeper. I'd go about eradicating envy with the following outline:

1. Look and see if jealousy runs in my family. If so, I would renounce the curse of jealousy and remove myself from that line as follows:
 - a. Lord, I refuse to be jealous. Anywhere in my bloodline or inherited line that jealousy is attached, I ask you to release me from it. I repent for my family's participation in jealousy and all that entails. I ask You to heal anyone hurt by me or my family and set them free. Jealousy is not my friend and I refuse to listen to its voice. I sever my ties with jealousy right now in Jesus' name.
2. In the next step, I would ask the Lord to show me any hidden jealousy that I harbor. Ask, "Lord, where did this come from?" If he shows you anyone you need to forgive, anything you need to repent of, or any lies you believe, then do as He says. Repent. Forgive. Asking Jesus to show you the truth!
3. If there is a person you are jealous of, ask the Lord why. Perhaps it is something you overheard like Saul. Maybe it's a lack of love. Ask the Lord to help you love the person and see them like you do. Be fierce in your pursuit to love and not be jealous!
4. Once all the legal grounds for a spirit of jealousy to be there, then you're ready to evict its presence in your life.

Bill Sudduth has the following manifestations and fruit listed under the Spirit of Heaviness: (From the Deliverance Manual by Bill Sudduth) Renounce all of these manifestations of jealousy and command to go.

Jealousy	Murder	Revenge and Spite	Cruelty
Extreme competition	Causing divisions	Coveting	Selfishness
Envy	Strife	Contention	Familiar spirit of jealousy
Hatred	Anger and Rage	Violence	Bigotry and racism
Abuse and abuser	A Vigilante Spirit	Passive aggressive	Suppressed anger and rage
Frustration			

An article by Jaquelle Crowe about killing jealousy can be found at:

<https://unlockingthebible.org/2017/08/put-jealousy-to-death/>