



Envy & Jealousy

(Respectable Sins)



Main Points



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What is Envy & Jealousy

- Envy is the **painful and oftentimes resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by someone else**. Sometimes we want that same advantage, leading to the further sin of covetousness.
- Sometimes we just resent the other person having something we don't have. But we don't just envy people in general.
- Usually, there are two conditions that tempt us to envy.
 - ❑ First, we tend to envy those with whom we most closely identify.
 - ❑ Second, we tend to envy in them the areas we value most.
- Jealousy is **usually defined as intolerance of rivalry**.
- Sinful jealousy occurs, however, when we are afraid someone is going to become equal to or even superior to us.



General Areas in which we feel Envious and Jealous in our Daily Lives

- Work Area (Positions, Achievements and Abilities)
 - Within in our Families/Outside of Family
 - Church Ministry
 - Children Education
 - Neighbors
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illustrations

- Abel and Cain (Genesis 4th chapter)- First Sin outside of Eden Garden
- Joseph(Genesis 37:11)
- Saul and King David(I Samuel 18th Chapter)
- Prodigal Son Parable(Luke 15 th Chapter)
- Kingdom of Heaven (Jesus -Mat 20th Chapter)
- Church in Corinth (I Cor 13:4)



Characteristics

- Jealousy contaminates (It is like Cancer and that eats and devour our soul)
- Jealousy can destroy our inner peace and contentment
- Jealousy can rob our Joy and Happiness
- Jealousy is raging fire and consumes our inner life
- Jealousy strips off spiritual power in our lives
- Proverbs 27:4 says

ESV

Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

NLT

Anger is cruel, and wrath is like a flood, but jealousy is even more dangerous.

Envy – Fleeshy Nature

➤ 1 Cor 3:1-And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

2-I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able;

3-for you are still carnal. For where *there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?*

➤ 1 Cor 1:2 -To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, *called to be saints*, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

➤ James 3:16 For where *envy* and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there

Envy – One of the works of the Flesh

- ▶ Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,
20- idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
21- **envy**, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**
- ▶ Romans 1:29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; **full of envy**, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,
30 -backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
31- undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;
32 - who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, **that those who practice such things are deserving of death**, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them



Dealing Envy & Jealousy in our Lives - 1

- First of all, we can, as in so many other areas of subtle sins, turn to the **Sovereignty of God**.
- We must recognize that it is God who sovereignly gives us our talents, abilities, and spiritual gifts. If we are to successfully combat the temptations to envy and jealousy, we must mentally bring God into the picture.
- Not only are there differing talents and gifts but also there is a widespread diversity in God's blessing on those gifts. All this is from God, who makes poor and makes rich, who brings low and exalts (1 Samuel 2:7).
- It is God who puts down one and exalts another (Psalm 75:7).
- We must recognize that to be envious or jealous of someone is **either eliminating God from the picture or else accusing Him of being unfair**.

Dealing Envy & Jealousy in our Lives -2

- ▶ A second weapon against the temptation to envy or become jealous is to remember that all of us who are believers are “**one body in Christ and individually members one of another,**” (Romans 12:5)
- ▶ I Cor 12:12-26 Because all the members need each other, there is no cause for **envy** or discontent (15-17)
- ▶ Instead of being envious of those who have some advantage over us or being jealous of those who may be overtaking us in some way, we should honor and applaud them, for we are all members of the same body in Christ. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another (Romans 12:10)



Dealing Envy & Jealousy in our Lives -3

- ▶ Third, we should realize that we are all here to fulfil God's will and God has plan and purpose in each our Lives
- ▶ When God executing his divine plan we must not be hindrance to it at any circumstances.
- ▶ All are important in the plan of God.



Dealing Envy & Jealousy in our Lives -4

- ▶ Love suffers long *and* is kind; **love does not envy**; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; (1 Cor 13:4)
 - Parents loving their children (Blood Relation). Where there is Love there is Zero Jealousy.
 - Why we will not show similar love towards other believers(Spiritual Relation) and towards our neighbours?
- ▶ Filled with Spirit - Fruit of Spirit (Gal 5:22)
- ▶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh Gal 5:16



Summary and Conclusion

- Envy/Jealousy is deadly sin and they will contaminate our Spiritual Lives(Like Termites)
- God is Light and absolutely there is no Darkness in HIM.
- Christ likeness(Transforming into HIS Image)
- God has a plan and purpose in our lives.
- We are here to do HIS will and live a holy life.

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► **Psalm 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts**

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.