

In this document you will find many verses in the Bible on the subjects of bad jealousy and envy. I created the categories. Undoubtedly I will revise them. Please do not consider the category titles as authoritative.

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Certainty that Some Jealousy Is Evil

Mark 7:22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

1 Peter 2:1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

Properties of Jealousy

SADNESS OVER ANOTHER PERSON'S GOOD, HAPPINESS OR GLORY – ANOTHER PERSON'S GOOD SEEMS TO HINDER OR THREATEN MY GOOD

Genesis 37:11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

DESIRE FOR THE PERSON WHO SEEMS TO THREATEN MY GOOD TO SUFFER

Isaiah 11:13 The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

Acts 7:9 And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him

Matthew 27:18 For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

Mark 15:10 For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up.

Acts 17:5 But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd.

OUR ENEMIES' SADNESS GLADDENS US, THEIR GLADNESS SADDENS US

Acts 5:17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy

ANOTHER PERSON'S GOOD SEEMS TO HARM ME

Numbers 11:29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

I AM SAD OR DISPLEASED THAT HE/SHE IS BETTER THAN ME

Genesis 26:14 He had possessions of flocks and herds and many servants, so that the Philistines envied him.

Diagnostic Questions:

1. Do you resent what he has?
2. Is it hard to hear another person being praised?
3. Are you depressed with her advancement?

4. Would you be pleased if he lost his riches, power, intelligence, position?
5. Are you angry that she is advancing beyond you?
6. Will God leave you empty and alone while he blesses others?

THE ENVIOUS/JEALOUS ONES OFTEN DON'T PRAY

James 4:2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

Objects of Jealousy

JEALOUSY OF SIBLINGS

Genesis 30:1 When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!"

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JEALOUSY OF ONE'S SPOUSE

Numbers 5:14-15 and if the spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife who has defiled herself, or if the spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife, though she has not defiled herself, then the man shall bring his wife to the priest and bring the offering required of her, a tenth of an ephah of barley flour. He shall pour no oil on it and put no frankincense on it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of remembrance, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

Numbers 5:29 This is the law in cases of jealousy, when a wife, though under her husband's authority, goes astray and defiles herself,

Numbers 5:30 or when the spirit of jealousy comes over a man and he is jealous of his wife. Then he shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall carry out for her all this law.

JEALOUSY OF ONE'S NEIGHBOR

Ecclesiastes 4:4 Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

JEALOUSY OF EVILDOERS

Psalms 37:1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

Psalms 73:3 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Proverbs 3:31 Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways,

Proverbs 23:17 Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.

Proverbs 24:1 Be not envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them,

Proverbs 24:19 Fret not yourself because of evildoers, and be not envious of the wicked,

JEALOUSY OF POSSESSIONS

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JEALOUSY OF BEAUTY

Ezekiel 31:9 I made it beautiful in the mass of its branches, and all the trees of Eden envied it, that were in the garden of God.

OFFERING FOR JEALOUSY

Numbers 5:18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD and unbind the hair of the woman's head and place in her hands the grain offering of remembrance, which is the grain offering of jealousy. And in his hand the priest shall have the water of bitterness that brings the curse.

Numbers 5:25 And the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy out of the woman's hand and shall wave the grain offering before the LORD and bring it to the altar.

Consequences of Bad Jealousy

CONSEQUENCE OF SELF-DESTRUCTION

Job 5:2 Surely vexation kills the fool, and jealousy slays the simple.

Proverbs 14:30 A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.

CONSEQUENCE OF CRITICISM

Psalms 69:9 For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

Psalms 106:16 When men in the camp were jealous of Moses and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD,

CONSEQUENCE OF HARASSMENT

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CONSEQUENCE OF VIOLENT REMOVAL

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Jealousy's "Buddies" (Concomitants)

BIG EGO (CONCEIT, SELFISH AMBITION)

2 Corinthians 12:20 For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder.

Galatians 5:26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

1 Timothy 6:4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions,

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

ANGER

Proverbs 6:34 For jealousy makes a man furious, and he will not spare when he takes revenge.

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CRUELTY

Proverbs 27:4 Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

EMPOWERMENT

Song of Solomon 8:6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD.

BITTERNESS/HOSTILITY

Acts 8:23 For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.”

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ABUSIVE CRITICISM

Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.

Romans 1:29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

Romans 3:14 Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

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QUARRELING

1 Corinthians 3:3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

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SOCIAL CHAOS, STRIFE, ENMITY

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Galatians 5:21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

ILL WILL

Philippians 1:15 Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will.

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

BAD THINKING

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INCREASING LOSS OF SELF-CONTROL

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Redemptive Potential of Bad Jealousy

Romans 10:19 But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, “I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”

Romans 11:11 So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.

Romans 11:14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

Miscellaneous Verses on Jealousy/Envy

Numbers 11:29 But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

^{2 Samuel 21:2} So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the people of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites. Although the people of Israel had sworn to spare them, Saul had sought to strike them down in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah.

^{Ecclesiastes 9:6} Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun.

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Important Questions Regarding Jealousy and Envy

1. How can Christian faith or love empower us to be content when we have lost, or are about to lose, what we once thought we possessed? How can we face the loss of what we once “possessed” and still be at peace?
 - a. Believe that God is secure and gives security to those he saves without violating our boundaries.
 - b. Believe that God is valuable and bestows value on us.
 - c. Believe that God is powerful and gives power to us.
 - d. Believe that God is good and generates goodness in us.
 - e. The deep comfort of knowing that we belong to Christ blows envy away like the wind blows snow out of trees.
 - f. Experiencing the glory and joy of God can banish the discontent that generates envy.
2. How can we help others face such loss and still be discontentedly content?
 - a. Be full of God’s love for them.
 - b. Be “for” them.
 - c. Confess their sins for them.
 - d. Confess “through” their bad desires to the good desires that went south.
 - e. Confess their feelings that have become twisted.
 - f. Be full of the Holy Spirit, the master of helping blind people see.
3. How can we face the envy/jealousy of someone else and not sin ourselves? How can we face the deadening power radiating from those who are stuck in discontent over their loss?
 - a. Criticisms often reveal more about the criticizer than the criticized.
 - b. Be open to the grain of truth in the mountain of criticism.
 - c. Pray
 - d. Seek to cooperate with God’s way of dealing with those who oppose Him.
4. What should we do when we find jealousy in our hearts?
 - a. Consider ourselves blessed that we are seeing ourselves as we are! Being jealous is not good. But seeing that we are jealous is good.
 - b. Face head-on the wrong beliefs, the wrong feelings and the wrong desires of jealousy.
 - c. Run to the God of Passover, Easter and Pentecost.
5. Am I willing to know myself when I am jealous/envious? Am I willing to see my sinfulness?
6. Am I more than willing to know my sinful self? Do I want to know myself in order to put to death my sinful self?