

Doctrine of Jealousy

1. Jealousy is one of the most vicious facets of the old sin nature.
2. When someone is successful, there are always people who are jealous.
3. If the Lord is using and blessing you, you can expect to be the object of sour grapes.
4. Jealousy is a mental attitude sin that can lead to bitterness, envy, sins of the tongue, murder, etc.

4.1 Jealousy can destroy the enjoyment of Category II love, i.e., love between the right man and right woman.

Son 8:6 Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death ... jealousy is unyielding as the grave ...

4.2 Jealousy can destroy anyone and can even lead to psychosis:

Job 5:2 Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple.

Pro 14:30 A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

5. It is a common reaction. Col. R. B. Thieme once said: "If you have never been jealous then it is possible you have never been in love or never had a strong emotional attachment to anything."

5.1 Many people have no problem with jealousy and then suddenly they fall in love and find themselves jealous.

5.1.1. If you feel strongly about something or someone it is then that jealousy, a horrific mental attitude sin, raises its ugly head.

5.1.2 We must not confine our coverage of jealousy however to just category two love. Jealousy occurs wherever there are strong feelings.

5.1.3 Often siblings are jealous, athletes are jealous, pastors are jealous of each other, professional people are jealous of one another, church members are jealous of one another, business peers are jealous of each other, as are partners in crime etc.

5.2 The sin of jealousy includes the concepts of covetousness, envy, the inability to accept rivalry and the inability to positively accept the prosperity of others.

5.3 The mental attitude sin of jealousy is therefore related to the sins of judgment, pride, refusing to forgive others, wanting to be first, not wanting others to have things unless you too can have the same etc.

5.4 Jealousy, as a mental attitude sin is closely related to the heinous sin of pride.

5.5 The sin of pride is the first of the seven major sins listed in Proverbs 6:16-19

5.6 Rivalry is not part of God's plan because it is He who establishes authorities; He promotes and demotes.

1Ti 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--

1Ti 2:2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1Ti 2:3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

Rom 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Psa 75:6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

Psa 75:7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

5.7 Matthew in chapter seven warns of judging; it is a terrible mental attitude sin with serious traumatic consequences and more often than not it has its dark roots in the mental attitude sin of jealousy and/or bitterness.

Mat 7:1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged."

Mat 7:2 "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Mat 7:3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

Mat 7:4 "How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?"

Mat 7:5 "You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

5.8 God is the Mentor of every born again Christian and as such He from His omniscience and sovereignty has provided for us our very own spiritual life. It is perfect and includes a host of others who are none of our business.

5.8.1 Authority realms are there to protect us from one another. This is especially necessary given our terrible propensity to judge and be jealous, bitter etc.

5.8.2 Jealousy often motivates revenge and revenge puts us nose to nose with God just asking for "His knockout punch."

Deu 32:35 To me belongeth vengeance and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give proper place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

5.8.3 Revenge is a product of trifling with another man's wife.

Pro 6:32 But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself.

Pro 6:33 Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away;

Pro 6:34 for jealousy arouses a husband's fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge.

5.9 As the scripture says it is God who causes it to rain on the just and the unjust, therefore, there is no place in the realm of proper Christian thinking for jealousy.

Mat 5:45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

5.9.1 If it didn't rain on the just and the unjust then there would be secular and not supernatural motivation to "believe and be saved."

6. The source of jealousy like all mental attitude sins is the old sin nature where mental attitude sins insidiously poison our souls.

6.1 This is understandable when one considers that the "heart" is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.

Jer 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?"

6.2 The Bible says even the Lord Jesus Christ is sometime preached because of jealousy and contentions as opposed to proper motivation.

Phi 1:14 Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

Phi 1:15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

Phi 1:16 The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

Phi 1:17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

Phi 1:18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,

Phi 1:19 for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

7. Negative volition toward doctrine inflames the sin of jealousy. 1Ti 6:3-4

1Ti 6:3 If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching,

1Ti 6:4 he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions.

8. Jealousy is also a sin related to unbeliever reversionism. Rom 1:28-29

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Rom 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

9. Ill-placed pride is a direct result of rejecting doctrine and tends to motivate great jealousy.

Act 13:45 "But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy and spoke against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming."

10. Jealousy was a motivating factor in the crucifixion of Jesus.

Mar 15:10 For He knew that the chief priest had delivered him for envy."

11. Jealousy motivated the brothers of Joseph to sell him into slavery.

Acts 7:9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy sold Joseph into Egypt; but God was with him.

12. In Isa 11:13 jealousy is said to be a motivating factor which split the nation Israel.

Isa 11:12 He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.

Isa 11:13 Ephraim's jealousy will vanish, and Judah's enemies will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim.

13. So great was the sin of jealousy between man and wife in Israel that a special offering developed. Numbers 5:11-31.

Num 5:11 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Num 5:12 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'If a man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him

Num 5:13 by sleeping with another man ... and her impurity is undetected Num 5:14 and if feelings of jealousy come over her husband and he suspects his wife--or if he is jealous and suspects her even though she is not impure--

Num 5:15 then the husband will take his wife to the priest. The husband will ... prepare a grain offering for jealousy ...

Num 5:16 The priest shall ... have her stand before the LORD.

Num 5:17 Then he shall take some holy water in a clay jar and put some dust from the tabernacle floor into the water.

Num 5:18 ... the priest ... shall ... place in her hands the ... the grain offering for jealousy, while he himself holds the jar of bitter water that brings a curse.

Num 5:19 Then the priest shall put the woman under oath and say to her, "If no other man has slept with you and you have not gone astray and become impure while married to your husband, may this bitter water that brings a curse not harm you.

Num 5:20 But if you have gone astray while married to your husband and you have defiled yourself by sleeping with a man other than your husband"

Num 5:21 here the priest is to put the woman under this curse of the oath-" may the LORD cause your people to curse and denounce you when he causes your thigh to waste away and your abdomen to swell.

Num 5:22 May this water that brings a curse enter your body so that your abdomen swells and your thigh waste away." ""Then the woman is to say, "Amen. So be it....

Num 5:24 He shall have the woman drink the bitter water ...

Num 5:27 If she has defiled herself ... her abdomen will swell and her thigh waste away, and she will become accursed among her people.

Num 5:28 If, however, the woman has not defiled herself and is free from impurity, she will be cleared of guilt and will be able to have children.

Num 5:29 ""This, then, is the law of jealousy when a woman goes astray and defiles herself while married to her husband,

Num 5:30 or when feelings of jealousy come over a man because he suspects his wife ...

14. The sin of jealousy is self-destructive.

Proverbs 14:30 "A sound heart is the life of the flesh; but jealousy, the rotting of the bones."

15. Jealousy is designated in the scripture as a devastating sin.

Proverbs 27:4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous, but who is able to stand before jealousy?

16. Jealousy prevailed in David's kingdom, the 10 tribes in the north were jealous of Judah in the south.

2Sa 19:41 Soon all the men of Israel were coming to the king and saying to him, "Why did our brothers, the men of Judah, steal the king away and bring him and his household across the Jordan, together with all his men?"

2Sa 19:42 All the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "We did this because the king is closely related to us. Why are you angry about it? Have we eaten any of the king's provisions? Have we taken anything for ourselves.