

Jealousy

Let it go! Or, it will eat you up!

Jealousy - The uneasy feeling that comes upon us when someone else gets what we want and feel we deserve.

Jealousy starts when we are very young. Remember in first grade when someone else got to sit by your best friend or when you had the small box of broken crayons and the person beside you had the 150 count of new sharp ones.

It continues through life as we move out on our own and find ourselves coveting what our neighbors have. (Exodus 20:17)

Jealousy is one of those feelings that can completely destroy friendships, reputations and if left unchecked can drive us crazy. We all struggle with it at times. We see those around us who just seem to have all the good luck, talents, looks and material things. They have the athletic or musical abilities, the grades, the nice car, the cash. They score all the points, get the queen or king, date the popular person. The list could go on and on.

We have got to DEAL WITH JEALOUSY OR IT WILL EAT US UP!!!

God list jealousy along with some of the other sinful natures that we deal with and encourages us to turn them over to Him.

WE SHOULD BE DECENT AND TRUE IN EVERYTHING WE DO, SO THAT EVERYONE CAN APPROVE OF OUR BEHAVIOR. DON'T PARTICIPATE IN WILD PARTIES AND GETTING DRUNK, OR IN SEX OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE AND IMMORAL LIVING, OR IN FIGHTING OR JEALOUSY. BUT LET THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TAKE CONTROL OF YOU, AND DON'T THINK OF WAYS TO INDULGE YOUR EVIL DESIRES".(Romans 13:13-14)

If you struggle with jealousy, release it to God. Know that He gives you your own special qualities and talents.

"A RELAXED ATTITUDE LENGTHENS LIFE; JEALOUSY ROTS IT AWAY".
(Proverbs 14:30)

"ANGER IS CRUEL, AND WRATH IS LIKE A FLOOD, BUT WHO CAN SURVIVE THE DESTRUCTIVENESS OF JEALOUSY?" (Proverbs 27:4)

"SURELY RESENTMENT DESTROYS THE FOOL, AND JEALOUSY KILLS THE SIMPLE".(Job 5:2)

Jealousy, get rid of it! And remember that "MANY WHO ARE FIRST NOW WILL BE LAST THEN; AND THOSE WHO ARE LAST NOW WILL BE FIRST THEN." (Matthew 20:1-16)