

**BOOT CAMP: EQUIPPING MEN OF  
INTEGRITY FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

WHAT MUST BE PUT TO DEATH?

CHAPTER 8:

**JEALOUSY**

**PLAYING INTO THE  
*ENEMY'S HANDS BY  
TURNING ON EACH OTHER***

- Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood, but who can stand before jealousy? (Prov 27.4, NASB)

# JEALOUSY

- jeal·ous·y n. (pl. -ous·ies) the state or feeling of being jealous: a sharp pang of jealousy | resentments and jealousies festered. (2010-04-01). The New Oxford American Dictionary

**“How much of the motivation for what you do (or do not do) actually stems from what you want other people to think about you?”**

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION...DON'T BLOW IT OFF!!**

**Idolatry is the beginning of jealousy. So we naturally deal with idolatry first and now we can attack jealousy.**

## **idolatry progresses to Jealousy**

- 1. Seeds of covetousness sprout within because of the jealousy I feel at what a co-worker just bought. I can't stand being around him when he talks about it.**
- 2. Weeds of materialism begin to spread because my feelings of selfish ambition can't seem to be controlled. I want what he has, regardless of the cost.**
- 3. I find that a harvest of meaningless busyness is being reaped because my sense of rivalry is driving me to compete with anyone and everyone. I must keep up, no matter the toll.**

**Selfish ambitions are the shackles. Jealousy is the chain.**

**“even now you are not yet ready, 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?” (1 Cor 3.3)**

# **Jealous of Someone Else's Service**

- Cain and Abel - Two brothers. The first human offspring in the history of the world. Both are willing to work. Both bring a sacrifice of the fruits of their labor to the Creator. Younger brother Abel's offering is accepted. Older brother Cain's is not. "So Cain became very angry, and his countenance fell" (Gen 4.5, NASB)

- “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it” (Gen 4.6–7)

God said to Cain that it was not about Abel..it was about Cain and his service to God. Cain wanted to make it about his brother but God wanted him to focus on himself.

# Jealous of Someone Else's Blessings

- They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. They said to one another, *“Here comes this dreamer.”*  
Genesis 37:18

- Joseph story - Sold as a slave. Carried against his will to Egypt. Separated from his father. Distanced from everything he had ever known. Faced with great temptations to sin. Years spent in prison. A life forever altered. All spawned from a consuming sense of jealousy and rivalry between brothers.

# **Jealous of Someone Else's Reputation**

- “Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands.” And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?” And Saul eyed David from that day on. (1 Sam 18.6–9)

- David and Saul- Saul hated David because he did what God told him to do and his reputation became great.
- In this story, Jonathan stepped up and showed he was a man of integrity.
- He was more concerned about his integrity than his own reputation.

# **Jealous of someone else's restoration**

- But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, “Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!” (Luke 15.25–30)

- The older brother should have been filled with joy for the return of his younger brother... instead he was filled with anger and thought that he had been shorted.

# The Prescription for the Green Sickness

- “Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3, NASB)