

Day 14 - All In Devotion Overcoming Jealousy

It's challenging to get people to admit that they have been jealous of someone at one time or another. Not many want to acknowledge their resentment, discomfort, or uneasiness about others' ability, success, or obtaining material things; this is jealousy. It is also the possessiveness and fear of losing what we do have. Saul was jealous that he would lose the devotion and loyalty of the people because of their admiration for David. Jealousy can quickly become deeper and more serious, like covetousness, which is having or showing a great desire to possess something belonging to someone. Jealousy can make you act in ways that oppose the values you hold to and verbally profess. When people are jealous of attention, they manipulate, take extreme actions, and even seek to harm others. Jealousy is dangerous because it causes you to focus on anger and bitterness (Proverbs 14:30) and read what the Scriptures say about bitterness in James 3:14-16. Jealousy tears families and friends apart (Proverbs 27:4). We must surely overcome the spirit of Jealousy. Let's start by remembering that our God is abundant and will supply ALL of OUR needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Secondly, recognize that when we are jealous of someone, we express our lack of faith in God. We must trust that He has enough to bless and meet the needs of ALL of His children. Psalm 84:11 assures us that "the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly."

Last but not least, when I looked up jealousy, I found the words previously shared with you: resentment, displeasure, discomfort, uneasiness, annoyance, covetousness, and envy. Do you know that at least three or four of these words convey a common antonym (a word opposite in meaning to another)? Would you like to know what the antonym is? It's calm. That's right, calm! So, we can say that the opposite of jealousy is calm. Why calm? Calm says you are undisturbed, unagitated, unmoved, unbothered, and untroubled by someone else's blessings. You TRUST that GOD has enough blessings to go around and WILL NOT FORGET about YOU!

Let's Go ALL IN and Overcome Jealousy