

THE JEALOUSY BIBLE STUDY

Jealous: Resentfully suspicious of a rival or a rival's influence; envious.

1. There are many different forms that Jealousy takes. The Bible reveals various ways that people become jealous.
 - a. According to Genesis 4:8, after God rejected Cain's offering to him but accepted the offering of his brother Abel, what did Cain do to his brother out of jealousy? _____.
 - b. According to Genesis 30:1 who was Rachel jealous of? _____.
What did her jealousy cause her to feel like? _____.
In verses 2 and 3 what was the response of Rachel's husband to her jealousy? _____.
What did Rachel do because of her jealousy? _____.
 - c. According to Genesis 37:3-4 who was jealous of whom? _____.
Why did this jealousy exist? _____.
 - d. According to Genesis 37:18 what did Joseph's brothers want to do to him because of their jealousy? _____.
According to verses 26-27 what did they actually do to Joseph? _____.
 - e. According to Numbers 5:14 what sometimes comes over a husband toward his wife? _____.
Does this sometimes happen with a wife toward her husband? _____.
 - f. According to 1 Samuel 18:7-9 what caused King Saul to be jealous? _____.
What did he decide to do about his jealousy? _____.
According to verses 10-12 what are two responses Saul had to being jealous of David? _____.
 - g. According to Acts 17:5 what did the Jews do when they became jealous of the message of Christ that Paul and Silas were declaring? _____.
2. We can see from the previous verses that there are several ways to become jealous and that jealousy usually has a very bad affect on people. Now we will look at what jealousy reveals about those who are jealous.
 - a. According to 1 Corinthians 3:3 what does jealousy reveal about those who have it? _____.
 - b. According to 1 Corinthians 13:4 what are we told about jealousy (envy) as it relates to love? _____.
So if someone is jealous what do they lack? _____.
 - c. According to Galatians 5:19-21 what is the source of jealousy? _____.

What will be the consequence for those who live their lives in a jealous way? _____.

3. Consider what the Scripture tells us people do because of jealous.
 - a. According to Proverbs 6:34 what are two ways that a jealous husband responds to his jealousy? _____.
 - b. According to Proverbs 14:30 what lesson does this teach us about jealousy? _____.
 - c. According to Matthew 20:11 what did hired hands do when they became jealous of the people that were hired later but were paid the same amount? _____.
 - d. According to Luke 15:28 what did the older brother refuse to do when the father threw a party because the younger wayward brother returned home? _____.

Can you think of a time when families were divided because of jealousy? _____.
4. The Bible has some commands regarding jealousy.
 - a. According to Ecclesiastes 7:9 what should we not be quick to do? _____.
 - What are we called if we do? _____.
 - b. According to Romans 13:12-14 what type of behavior is jealousy considered? _____.
 - What are we to do with jealousy? _____.
 - What are we to do instead of being jealous? _____.
 - c. According to Galatians 5:25-26 what are we to do so that we do not let jealousy and envy control us? _____.
5. Now consider the correct responses to life struggles rather than jealousy.
 - a. According to Psalm 37:1 what are two things we should not do? _____.
 - _____.
 - b. According to Proverbs 14:30 what should we seek to have instead of having envy and jealousy? _____.
 - c. According to Proverbs 23:17 what should we do instead of allowing ourselves to fall into jealousy and envy? _____.
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6. There are a few types of jealousy that are good.
 - a. According to 1 Corinthians 10:21-22 what should we be jealous for and what should we not want? _____.
 - Because God is holy and jealous for his ways, what happens when we try to mix his ways and the ways of demons? _____.
 - b. According to 2 Corinthians 11:2-3 what is a godly jealousy and what does it produce? _____.
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