

The Struggle With Jealousy

by Charles Stanley

In 'The Struggle With Jealousy', Charles Stanley emphasizes the importance of confessing jealousy and seeking God's perspective to overcome this destructive emotion.

Scripture: Psalm 37:4, Proverbs 14:30, 1 Corinthians 10:14, James 4:7, 1 John 4:20

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Description

Charles Stanley preaches on overcoming jealousy by acknowledging it as a sin that leads to idolatry, repenting, and realigning our perspective with God's will. He emphasizes the importance of thanking God for others' blessings, asking for love towards them, and avoiding malice and hate that jealousy can breed. By surrendering jealousy to God, we can protect our relationships, our witness, and fully experience God's blessings.

Transcript

Psalm 37:4

Is it possible to take control of a jealous attitude? Yes, it certainly is! Knowing that God wants His children to be in charge of these emotions, let's examine some specific things you can do to gain victory.

First, confess your jealousy. This emotion will always--always--take your eyes off the Lord and fix them on some other person or object. That, at its heart, is idolatry. Whenever you place a higher value on some "thing" than you place on God, you put yourself under judgment. Repent of that sin immediately!

Second, realize you are in disagreement with God. If He chooses to bring some specific blessing into another person's life, that is His prerogative. Your jealousy is merely a declaration that you think you deserve the blessing more than the other person. Bring this disagreement honestly before the Lord, and ask Him to restore a godly perspective to your mind.

Third, thank God for what He's doing in that person's life. You may not like this point. But, when you praise God--even if you do not feel like it--you put yourself in a position to receive His blessings by showing that you fully trust His judgment.

Fourth, ask God to place love in your heart for the other person. So often in Scripture, the word "jealous" is followed by the word "anger." Do not allow jealousy to stir up malice and hate toward someone else.

Jealousy can destroy your relationships, your witness, and your own experience of God's blessings. Ask the Lord to wipe away these unhealthy feelings today.

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