

OVERCOMING JEALOUSY

I Timothy 6:8

Are we willing to follow Jesus without coveting what others have
and/or resenting their perceived advantages?

I. WARNINGS OVERVIEW

A. COMMANDS

1. Don't covet - Exodus 20:17
2. Don't love money - Mark 4:18-19
- See also Prov. 23:4-5, Ecc. 5:10-11 and Hebrews 13:5

B. CONDITIONS

1. Envy rots the bones - Proverbs 14:30
2. Jealousy breeds disorder - James 3:14-16 and see also 4:1-3

C. CARNALITY

1. Jealousy indicates fleshliness - I Corinthians 3:2-3
2. Jealousy and envy are deeds of the flesh - Galatians 5:19-21

II. WANDERERS OVERTAKEN

A. POSITION JEALOUSY - Numbers 12:1-2
- Miriam and Aaron with Moses

B. POPULARITY JEALOUSY - I Samuel 18:6-9
- King Saul with David

C. PARTY JEALOUSY - Luke 15:25-32
- The prodigal's brother

III. WISDOM TO OVERCOME

A. DON'T ENVY EVILDOERS

1. They sit in slippery places - Psalm 73:1-9, 16-20
2. They wither - Psalm 37:1-2
3. They fade and have no future - Prov. 24:19-20

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B. UNDERSTAND GIFTEDNESS

1. Recognize God's sovereignty - Psalm 75:6-7
2. Accept where God has placed you
 - a. The body has many necessary parts - I Corinthians 12:14-26
 - b. Wisely use whatever God gives you - Matthew 25:22-23

C. LEARN CONTENTMENT

1. As Paul demonstrated - Philippians 4:10-12
2. As Paul declared - I Timothy 6:6-10

CONCLUSION:

Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,
- I Corinthians 13:4

May God help us to follow Christ without jealousy, envy or coveting.