Heart of the Matter: Jealousy

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INTRODUCTION

- Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.
- We know how to put the filters up just so we can make our way. But inwardly, are we truly who we appear to be, or are we something different?
- But our Lord says, No. I'm looking at your heart.

1 Jealousy Wants More, Not What's Fair

- The issue of the heart that I want us to study this evening is the issue of jealousy.
- And really, here's what's going on in our mind. We're feeling a little left out.
- Jealousy is not necessarily really wanting what's fair. What jealousy wants is just a little bit more.
- I'm not content. I'm really not satisfied. I'm really not fulfilled with what I've been given in life. I want more.

2 Our Problem Is Really With God

Daniel 4:35; 1 Chronicles 29:12; 1 Corinthians 12:11

- Jealousy is an issue of the heart. And here's who we say owes us. We say it's God.
- Our problem isn't with that person who got the car, got the girl, got the smarts, got the house, got what we wanted. We're really at odds with God.
- God's never claimed to be fair. In fact, fairness went out the window in the Garden of Eden.
- No one can restrain his hand or say to him, What have you done? He learned very quickly, God does what God wants to do.

3 Jealousy Led to Some Horrific Events

Romans 1:29; Proverbs 14:30; Titus 3:3

- What the jealousy does is it creates in our heart a huge tool for Satan.
- Some of the people that drive our envy the most are people that we're actually the closest to a sibling, a neighbor a friend.
- If jealousy is left to foster, and more importantly, to fester in our heart, I want you to recognize how often in Scripture, jealousy led to some horrific events.
- Pilate knew that they delivered him up out of envy.
- A sound heart is the life of the flesh, but envy is rottenness to the bones.

4 Mold Our Children's Hearts Against Envy

1 Peter 2:1–3; Ecclesiastes 9:6

- So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and evil speaking.

- When you sense envy and coveting in the heart of your child, you have to nip it and nip it quickly.
- We need to be mindful that we're showing our children an attitude of contentment.
- We need to teach them to understand wanting and desiring what others have will never ever satisfy us.
- And thirdly, teach them to use what God has given them.

5 Acknowledge, Confess, Celebrate, Use What God's Given

- What's our take homes then for all of us? We need to acknowledge jealousy.
- And we need to confess our jealousy. We need to confess it.
- Somebody needs to grow up. And somebody needs to be the one to say, I'm sorry.
- Then what can you do? This is so important. Celebrate with others.
- And then use what God's given you. Use what God's given you.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **As a means of invitation, I want you to remember something about your heavenly Father. This is said more than once in Scripture. For the Lord your God is a consuming fire.**

MY NOTES