

Jealousy

[Proverbs 27:3, 4](#)

1. Jealousy is a cruel sin which will turn a person into a monster.
2. Jealousy removes happiness from the believer, being a mental attitude sin, which will then result in self-induced misery.
3. Jealousy will greatly disturb, and even destroy the husband / wife relationship ([Song of Solomon 8:6](#)); *“...Love is as strong as death, Jealousy is as severe as Sheol...”*
4. The normal function of the believer’s soul can be greatly disrupted by Jealousy. ([Job 5:2](#): *“Vexation slays the foolish man, and anger kills the simple”*; [Proverbs 14:30](#): *“A tranquil heart is life to the body, but jealousy is rottenness to the bones”*).
5. Jealousy can cause a believer to reject the teaching of God’s Word. [Acts 13:45](#) reveals that when Paul and Barnabas were proclaiming God’s truth that the *“Jews saw the crowds and were filled with jealousy, and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and began blaspheming.”* Now notice verses [46 and 47](#): (46) *“And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first, since you repudiate it, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.”* (47) *“For thus the Lord has commanded us, I have placed you as a Light for the Gentiles, that you should bring Salvation to the end of the earth.”*

Note also [Acts 17:5](#) *“But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar...”*

6. Individuals not perceptive to God and His word are often filled with jealousy ([Romans 1:28, 29](#) – envy and jealousy are synonymous terms).
7. Some people have a morbid interest in controversial questions and desire to argue, which is a manifestation of jealousy. [1 Timothy 6:4](#) uses such terms as *“jealousy, strife, abusive language, and evil suspicions”*.
8. Jealousy was the motivating force of the religious leaders who crucified our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ([Matthew 27:18](#); [Mark 15:10](#)).