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After I graduated from college...

I had a problem...

God taught me a great lesson in humility.

Now, what if I hadn't learned?

Results: Anger and Bitterness

What I have explained to you is the peril of envy, jealousy.

Dictionary:

Jealous: 1. fearful or wary of being supplanted, *esp. apprehensive of the loss of another's affection*, 2. resentful or bitter in rivalry, 3. vigilant in guarding something.

Envy: 1. a feeling of discontent and resentment aroused by another's desirable possessions or qualities, accompanied by a strong desire to have them for oneself.

Beware of sinful jealousy...

Here we have an example of the downward spiral of envy/jealousy.

The example (*Saul, the chosen by God King*) is here so that you and I can see clearly... you don't mess with sinful jealousy/envy! You allow it in your heart and life, here's what will happen: **you'll be like Saul!**

You need to beware of sinful jealousy in your life:

Let's look at the peril of jealousy by looking at the birth, growth, and result of sinful jealousy in this passage...

BEWARE OF SINFUL JEALOUSY

I. The birth of jealousy (vs. 6-7)

A. The start – a plain old victory—an innocent song memorializing...

B. But somewhere along the line...

- they praised David more than Saul.

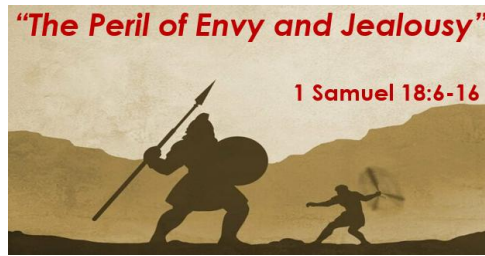
- so, is it their fault??

Now we live in a world system...

Beware of sinful jealousy

A world that makes us want more or want something we don't have or make us discontent. It can be a real problem. Watch out, it's the seeds of envy and jealousy that give birth to covetousness, anger and bitterness!

Were the women wrong for singing this song?



II. The growth of jealousy (vs. 8-9)

A. The thinking process – feeling threatened

- exaggerated talk

- despair talk

Lead to: stupid conclusions, wide sweeping generalities

Romans 12:3 - "For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment (*sensibly, accurately*), as God has allotted to each a measure of faith (measuring ourselves by the faith God has given us)."

B. Leads to anger

C. Leads to maliciousness (v.9)

"Eyed" – observe, watch closely, for the purpose of committing sins against him.

III. The results of Jealousy (vs. 10-16)

For Saul:

A. Harming someone (v.11)

B. Fearing someone (v.12)

Isaiah 12:2 - Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

2 Timothy 1:17 - For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

See what begins as anger and jealousy leads to murderous & irrational fear! all Saul could think about...

For David:

behaved himself (vs. 14-16)

and was loved!

CONCLUSION:

- There is always success when you do right, when you obey the Lord.
 - When you keep jealousy out of your life!
 - Are you jealous/envious of someone?
 - *What does God want for you?*
 - Do right.
 - Be content with what you have.
 - And how you are gifted.
- Remember you'll have it all in Heaven!