

ENVY/JEALOUSY

Meaning: resentment against another

CHARACTERIZED AS:

1. Powerful: Proverbs 27:4
Worse than anger and fury because it may contain anger and fury as well (along with revenge). Proverbs 6:32-35 illustrates this.
2. Part of the unregenerate nature: Romans 1:29
3. Is of the flesh: Galatians 5:21
One of the conditions for not inheriting the Kingdom of God
4. A source of evil: 1 Timothy 6:4

Christians are warned to rid themselves of this: 1 Peter 2:1
Envy (resentful discontent)
It hinders growth
See also Romans 13:12

AN EXAMPLE OF: THE JEWISH LEADERS Matthew 27:18

Pilate knew that Jewish leaders were trying to get rid of Jesus due to envy. Jealousy of His popularity.
This is an example of how envy and jealous can progress/grow in a person's life and lead to more serious results. It is a spirit that must be dealt with.

OTHER REFERENCES TO:

Titus 3:3

In an unconverted state, we had these things dwelling within us
This path can lead to slavery...slavish addiction, to sensual gratification
Knowing what Christ delivered us from should lead us to be lenient toward others.

James 3:14-17

If these things dwell in you, don't pride yourself and consider yourself wise.
These type of things in our lives are opposed to what is from God. It is not from the True Giver of wisdom. God's wisdom is pure, not mixed with anything.

1 Corinthians 13:4

Not a quality of true love.

Galatians 5:19

One of the practices of the flesh. Not a fruit of the Spirit.

Romans 13:13
Is opposite from true Christian behavior