



1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:KJV

You're commanded to love the Body of Christ fervent and expressly from a pure heart! This obedient act is the result of the purified soul, having been refined by truth, and directly connected to the affects of the New Birth. Truthfully, you cannot possibly love in the way God that commands you to, out of the fallen nature. Even your well-meaning attempts to change with behavioral modification won't enable you to love in an unfeigned manner. This is a love that is authentic. What's more, the reality of this chosen, obedient lifestyle will be increasingly challenged the closer we come to the time before the Second Coming of the Lord. Jesus warned his disciples in Mathew 24:10-12 that before His return large numbers of people will be offended. It doesn't say they "might" be. It says they will be. Betrayal and hatred will mushroom. Moreover, as lawlessness increases, love will refrigerate. But could we avoid these things? I believe we can, but not without having been instructed in the protocols of the kind of love that God desires

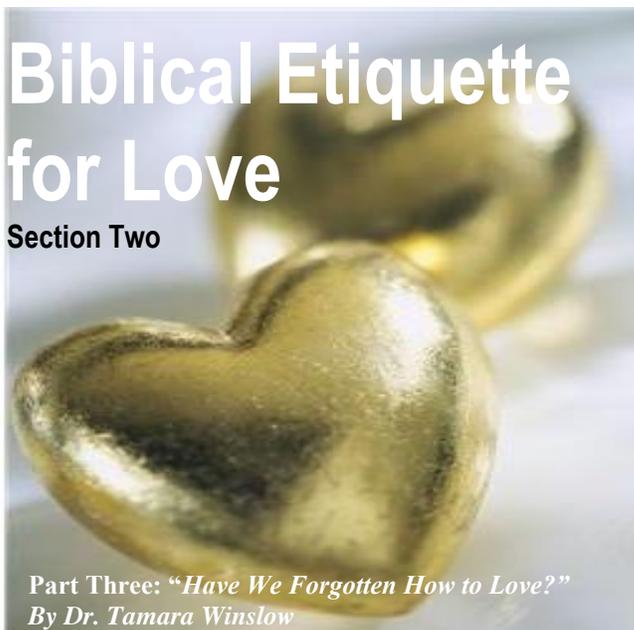
Matt 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.**11** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. **12** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. **13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

In the previous articles of this series, a lot of ground has been covered about the subject of "agape" love. I won't take time to repeat that and would suggest that you review those articles for the sake of understanding the content and context of this second article about the etiquette of love! As a follow-up to the previous newsletters let's resume with looking at the different characteristics of a godly love and how it should behave continuing on in 1 Cor. 13:4 with: Love envies not!

1 Cor 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. **2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. **3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not

Biblical Etiquette for Love

Section Two



Part Three: *"Have We Forgotten How to Love?"*
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charity, it profiteth me nothing. **4** Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh not evil; **6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; **7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. KJV

Love is not envious. This makes perfect sense to the reasonable mind. Even so, as obvious as it may seem to be, envy and jealousy are two of the most common enemies of good loving conduct. It was this foe that captured Cain's heart, so entirely, that he murdered his own brother in cold blood. The feeling of jealous envy has presented itself as the greatest opponent of the loving relationships between family and friends, ministers and ministries, cities and nations and the list goes on. If you allow yourself to be captured in envy's grip you will do things you would not otherwise do. It is that powerful. The respected Hebrew and Greek scholar, Spiros Zodhiates, in his work on THE HEBREW-GREEK STUDY BIBLE lexicon

defines envy from the ancient Greek, and in the context of 1 Corinthians 13 as: to make war on the good found in someone seeking to diminish that good in them. Envy can also be defined as to boil up with zeal, in both a godly and ungodly sense. For example, God is jealous over you. He has a zealous love that refuses to allow anyone or anything else to occupy your love attentions. He won't allow any idols to stand between you and Him. Nonetheless, He still releases you to choose. But He loves you so much He sent His only begotten Son to show you how much He treasures you and rightfully deserves your affection. The ungodly form of jealousy, or envy, as to what we're looking at, doesn't care about you or what you are. It is demonic in nature and seeks to make you stumble in order to disable you from excelling or prospering. On the other hand, agape love releases and encourages the good in others. It never becomes overheated with competitive jealousy because love seeks to see others reach their highest potential. Therefore, let's look at the symptoms of envy and jealousy and consider how it operates to thwart godly love so that once you recognize it's heading your direction, you can resist it!

1 Corinthians 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?
Titus 3:3 For we ourselves *also were sometimes* foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. KJV

Envy originates out of several evil roots. First of all, for the Christian, envy begins with carnal mindedness and the un-renewed mind. I say, for the Christian, because the unsaved individual is already subject to this aspect of the fallen nature, and therefore, more likely to yield to envy. Furthermore it's disgusting to me when I observe non-Christians behaving better than the followers of Christ. It makes no sense why they would behave so, but often, from what I've observed, that sadly is the case. Therefore, if you're determined to love, and expel envy out of your expression, you must choose to be actively spiritually minded. That's who you really are anyway. The spiritually minded saint doesn't give place to envy because spiritual mindedness operates through faith, which depends upon love.

Envy is also dependent on what and how you interpret the success, the beauty, prosperity and popularity of others. This is the primary reason envy overtakes the believer. For instance: Do you rejoice when others succeed? Or, do you find yourself grumbling, wondering why you haven't done as well as they have?

The Bible reveals that envy is a significant enemy and if you're to rid yourself of it, you need to recognize how it occurs and

what it does. So let's look at some of these biblical instances and learn.

Take a look at the following references!

Cain, jealous of his prophetic brother Abel (Luke 11:50-52), murdered him without conscience of his wrong. In nearly every biblical instance of jealous envy, some sort of violent activity resulted. People take the matters they're at odds with into their own hands when they become envious. Furthermore, they do not generally consider the consequences for their self-willed actions. For example, Rachel had not been able to conceive, and it seemed, she was unable to have children. Her sister, Leah, had many children. So Rachel envied her. She eventually took matters into her own hands by offering her maidservant Bilhah for Jacob to marry, who would then bear children in her stead. Even so she didn't find peace.

Genesis 30:1 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. KJV

The Psalmist Asaph stated he became envious after seeing the prosperity of the wicked, thinking that they didn't deserve to prosper. This issue can be a real sore spot for believers who struggle in their finances. It's a frustrating battle not to wonder why the wicked, and often, unscrupulous individuals prosper, and faithful believers don't. The Bible is loaded with practical advice concerning business and money, and truthfully, sometimes the children of this world understand those

principles better than the saints. Nonetheless, spiritual mindedness enables you to shift your focus, practically motivating you into an attitude of faith where God can move. Even so, the believer has to learn to apply the biblical principles for business in order to see a profit.



Psalms 73:3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. KJV

Psalms 37:1 A Psalm of David. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. KJV

Proverbs 24:1 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. KJV

Proverbs 24:19 Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked; KJV

The follower of God is sternly warned not to envy the wicked or evil people. Shocking as this may be, these wicked behaviors are not exclusively present in the lifestyle of the unsaved. Sadly, the believer can act just as sinfully as the non-believer. Thankfully, there are two instructions given to help us avoid this type of envy!

Number one: you must continually keep yourself in the frame of mind and attitude of heart to fear the Lord. It is impossible to defeat the very real feeling of an envy of a wicked people's prosperity without fearing Him.

Proverbs 23:17 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long. KJV

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Secondly: In the tension of the moment, because of competition, and a desire to profit, you may be tempted to want to hang out with the people you are envying. Guard your heart! This is dangerous because inevitably, who you ally yourself to, is who you may become like.

Psalms 106:16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD. KJV

Envy best breeds in a competitive atmosphere, thriving in the craving of position, recognition and power. Furthermore, it excels as pride takes ascendancy over the established leadership set into place by God. An example of this is found in the sad account of Korah, Dathan and Abiram in Numbers 16. These men arrogantly decided to challenge Moses' authority, disregarding his relationship and calling from God, and believing themselves to be equal to his station. Godly ambition is healthy, when it develops according to the parameters set by God, and emerges out of the measure of gifting and talents required to bring the ambition into reality. However, when ambition becomes infatuated with personal aspiration, and lacks the spiritual endowments and calling necessary for it to be accomplished, I've observed it will often wage a jealous war against God ordained leaders. These men, Korah, Dathan and Abiram, and the people allied with them, died miserably because they couldn't see their error. Regrettably, history is riddled with such coups, and regrettably, sometimes envy accomplishes its murderous cycle deposing leaders of their rightful posts and replacing them with eventual failures.

Genesis 37:11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

Acts 7:9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him, KJV

Romans 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Galatians 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. KJV

Probably one of the most common forms of jealousy is that which occurs between siblings. For example, Joseph's older brothers were extremely jealous of him, and for several different reasons. For one, they were incensed that their father obviously and repeatedly favored Joseph, over them. On those grounds, with each additional favor, the brothers grew more jealous. But Joseph was not in the clear either. The accounts reveal that he fueled his brother's resentment by doing things that drove the wedge even deeper. Proud and unwise, he openly shared about his night dreams, all of which pointed to a future greatness for his life, while at the same time, suggesting his family would take a subservient role. As a result, Joseph's brothers, enraged by the dreams and favor, took opportunity to

do away with Joseph, eventually removing him from their sight. Little did they know that their actions, although wrong, were turned upside down, and Joseph became the savior for the entirety of the family and future Hebrew peoples.

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At this point in this article, I need you to take note that Joseph's actions and words provoked his brothers to envy. I realize that Jacob's doting on Joseph did not help. But Joseph could have possibly avoided the wrath of his brethren had he behaved differently. I bring this to your attention because Paul the apostle addressed these very things in Romans 13:13 and Galatians 5:26. We would be wise to remember that people can be fragile, saved or unsaved, and anyone is vulnerable to emotional challenges. We should therefore consider the fact that any one of us can fall, and anyone of us can become envious, if the right conditions are present and yielded to. Therefore you need to recognize that there are numerous examples of how groups of people, and even nations, became envious of each other. For example, the tribe of Ephraim was envious of Judah. (Isaiah 11:13).



Romans 10:19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

Romans 11:11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. KJV

What's more, Paul stated that the Jews will be made envious because of the believing Gentile's prosperity. Nonetheless, because of this jealousy, they will end up pursuing God. Once again, however, a group of people can be affected by envy. Finally, the Philistines were envious of Isaac because he prospered in livestock and servants. (Genesis 26:14)

Let me, suggest an interesting thought as to the origins of envy. I believe Scripture supports and reveals that envy lives best in religiosity! I know it may sound strange, but there is significant evidence leaning this direction. I say this because throughout Jesus' and Paul's ministry, some of their greatest opponents came from the Jewish religious leaders, and in Paul's case, other Christian ministers. Look at the references below!

Matthew 27:18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. KJV

Mark 15:10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.

Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. KJV

Acts 17:5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and

set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. KJV
Philippians 1:15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: KJV

Why would envy even exist in the people of God? Surprisingly, the answer is actually not that complicated. Religious people, either lacking intimate relationship with God, or desiring to be “someone”, at the same time insecure in themselves, and in God, become envious of anyone who is successfully productive in areas they want to be. What’s more, such individuals want and feel they need attention, feeling insignificant and overlooked.

Religiosity is very different from true spiritual mindedness.

Religion builds its sense of value on works and productivity.

Furthermore, the people who’ve embraced religion over the intimate relationship with Jesus, have to feel they’re valuable to God, and recognized by others for what they produce and accomplish. Hence, when these combined factors are present, then competition replaces righteous zeal and jealous envy strikes out to silence the good someone else exhibits. The Jewish leaders were envious of Jesus and felt they had to silence him in the name of defending the Jewish faith, but in reality, they were protecting their own influence and covering their own feelings of unimportance. Moreover, Paul faced both religious Jews and competitive Christian brethren who were envious of him and wanted the same type of attention that he was given. Therefore, genuine love is incapable of manifesting. Let me tell you a true story.

Many years ago, as I sat outside a minister’s office closed door, I could hear him loudly ranting and raving about something evidently very disturbing to him, although I couldn’t make out what the words were as they were muffled by the walls. Moments later, I was asked into his office, for my appointment. Before I could really even begin the meeting he went off again ranting and raving like I’d heard before. Then he threw a magazine toward me and told me to read it. Puzzled, I picked it up, reading the open pages, unsure of what it was that he wanted me to see. I didn’t know what to say, but he blew up again, saying “That should be me! I had that idea years ago, and they’re doing it instead of me! It should have been mine!” Not knowing how to respond to his jealous competition, I asked him if he knew the people who were doing this, and if they’d stolen the idea from him? I discovered, after another ranting session, that they didn’t know him nor did they steal his idea. They just did what God



had inspired them to do. But he was furious with them! I’ve never forgotten that experience. But I’m well aware any one of us can succumb to such if we allow ourselves to.

James 3:14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. KJV

James 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. KJV

You see, envy seeks to kill the good that is in another person, so love cannot exist when it’s present. Envy and strife work as a tag team! But what’s worse is that once the two team up, and love is subdued, truth is restrained, and then, confusion and every evil work reveal.

Proverbs 27:4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? KJV

Be on alert my friends. If you choose to love, be aware that envy will attempt to thwart your love! Furthermore, if you walk and work with envious people, you will find it nearly impossible to succeed. Once envy and jealousy start moving, those yielding to those feelings will do everything in their power to destroy you and your labors using every vile means of communication and behavior they

can express. Therefore, be discerning and diligent. To. Guard your heart lest you fall into the same trap.

Proverbs 14:30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones KJV

The fruits of envy are confusion, murder, strife, destruction, slander, competition and even physical illness. For envy is said to be the rottenness of the bones. Love, however, is not envious, and neither should any Christian be! Finally, I would urge you to examine your heart, your words and actions. Snuff out the fury of envy before it destroys you and those you love. The consequences for not doing so are not worth the temporary satisfaction that this carnal destroyer brings.

NEXT NEWSLETTER ISSUE:

Biblical Etiquette for Love: Part Three! Love is not Proud!

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CURRENT PROJECTS

Since Dr. Winslow hasn't been traveling as much in the past months, as she normally has in years past, she's been writing every day on various projects. Those projects include several new books on various subjects. Furthermore, she has also completed three new poetic allegorical children's books entitled THE BOOK OF PUZZLES, THE VILLAGE CABOODLE and LADY BUG-ITY BOO. These are very enjoyable and will hopefully be available in Ebook form soon.

Dr. Winslow also started a new blog at the following web address entitled <http://www.truththatworks.blogspot.com>. Her blog has had over 1200 hits, at the time of this report, with readers in over 20 countries. It's hard to say what effect it's having so far, but it's a much needed new platform for teaching. The site is designed to teach about the summation of Kingdom Truths which includes the Bible, the Character of God, Jesus as Truth, the Spirit of Truth and how to grow in the truths God desires for the believer to walk in. Check it out and become a follower if you enjoy the articles.

If you're involved on Facebook, you can also check out shorter teaching blurbs on Dr. Winslow's public page.

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Another very exciting project is the DAUGHTERS OF EVE Broadway style musical revue that Dr. Winslow has worked on for almost 30 years. The screenplay is completed and she is focusing on the final song and dance musical arrangements of the 25 songs. She is praying for the right venue and theatre group to produce it.

The upcoming seminar in the TIME MACHINE SERIES, entitled CALLED INTO HIS PRESENCE Praise and Worship Seminar, is schedule to be held at the Cornelius Ministry Houses from April 16th-20th depending on the number of students that register. Students may participate as resident students in the ministry houses for the set fee of \$400. This fee covers the cost of lodging, some meals, snacks, curriculum and tuition. Non-resident students may attend for the set fee of \$200 that covers the cost of snacks, some meals, curriculum and tuition. This seminar

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