

Battle for the Heart - Jealousy  
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Proverbs 4:23

*"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."*

Anger says: You Owe Me  
Antidote is: Forgiveness

Guilt says: I Owe You  
Antidote is: Confession

Greedy Says: I Owe Me  
Antidote is: Generosity

James 4:1-3

*"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."*

**What Jealousy Can Do:**

1. Jealousy Creates Conflict Around Me

James 4:1

*"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?"*

2. Jealousy Creates Conflict Within Me

James 4:1

*"...your desires that battle within you."*

Proverbs 14:30

*"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones."*

3. Jealousy Creates Distance Between Me and God

James 4:3

*"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."*

Jealousy says: God owes me

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*"God owes me the blessing someone else has."*

James 1:17

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*

**Every good thing  
can be traced back to God.**

Jealousy says: God Owes Me  
Antidote is: Gratitude

*Jealousy magnifies what I don't have.  
Gratitude magnifies what God has  
already given to me.*

*God can use  
what I would not have chosen  
for a purpose  
I could not have imagined.*

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