

## **Jealousy**

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### **Ready:**

"For where envy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every kind of evil." — James 3:16

### **Set**

Christian coaches are called to use their gifts for the glory of God and His kingdom. When we are generous with our talent and work to set an example of faithful stewardship, we allow our team to witness God at work in our lives. As coaches it is important that we make a point of guiding our teams away from the turmoil that comes through envy and selfish ambition.

Nothing destroys a team faster than envy and selfishness. Coveting what others have accomplished—playing time, statistics, accolades—or hoarding what we already have wears away at the very core of teamwork. Belonging to a team means choosing to give up our personal interests so we can commit to pursuing what is in the best interest of the group. Ignoring or knowingly allowing any attitudes, comments, or behaviors that are not contributing to the good of the team is, in fact, tearing down the team. We as coaches must be diligent to foster a team-minded mentality.

If we don't address envy and selfishness, jealousy will spread like infection throughout the entire team. Trust will break down; communication will be strained; commitment will fade away. This erosion of unity, the foundation of any team, leads to chaos, as James wrote. Jealousy of others' talents, possessions, or winning records can make us all feel lousy; however, if each team member seeks the shared goals of the team, jealousy will evaporate. In God's eyes a perfect game is not about the score. He delights in His children when they use the talents and gifts He has given them for His greater good.

### **Go**

1. In what ways are you selfish? In your life? In your coaching?
2. How does selfishness inhibit the functioning of your team?
3. What are some steps that you can take to prevent jealousy from overtaking you? your team?

### **Workout**

Extra Reading: Genesis 37; Matthew 20:26–27; Galatians 5:13–15

### **Overtime**

Dear God, thank You for giving me the opportunity to lead some of Your precious children. Please allow me to lead these young hearts and minds to a greater peace and understanding of Your will. Amen.

**Bible Reference:**

James 3



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