

# When You're Feeling Jealous, Remember These Key Truths

God is raising up His people to lead others, and we must guard our hearts because out of the heart flows the issues of life (see Prov. 4:23). If we aren't careful, we can become jealous of those we are called to lead. We will then find ourselves coming against those that God sent in our lives to bless us and to make the load of ministry lighter.

Saul was anointed for two years, and he had the potential to reign righteously but ended up as a failure. It's sad to see his moral deterioration. He started off right but fell away as some are doing today. His disobedience and pride caused the Spirit of the Lord to reject him as king (1 ). God had to find someone to take his place: David.

At first, Saul loved David and gave him many opportunities, but he ended up hating him (1 Sam. 18). How can that be? Let's look at his characteristics so we don't make the same mistakes.

- Impatient (1 ).
- Out of order (1 Sam. 13:13-14) .
- Disobedient (1 Sam. 15:3,9).
- Speaking negative words (1 Sam. 14:24,27,44).
- Prideful (1 Sam. 15:23).
- Jealous (1 Sam. 18:7-9).
- People pleaser (1 ).
- Greedy (1 Sam. 15:3).
- Hypocritical (1 Sam. 15:30).

Leaders have to celebrate, support and push their spiritual children forth just as they would their biological children. Guard your heart so your ministry isn't cut short.

Would you pray this prayer with me?

“Lord, bless me to keep a pure heart. Allow me to have the right motives. Lord, give me the wisdom and patience to lead Your people in Your will. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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