

Topic: Studies in Ecclesiastes: Vain Envy

Scripture text: Ecclesiastes 4:4-16

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1. Worldly ungodly jealousy is often due to the heart of covetousness found in men. Though Solomon is the wisest, richest and most powerful man in his time, yet he is subjected to this kind of vain jealousy.

2. When others become successful, we can easily become envious of them by comparing with what they have and what we do not have. We are envious of people who seem to do nothing but are successful. This can become a vexation of spirit in us.

3. The right biblical perspective is to be contented with what we have. We can then have quietness in heart rather than the travail and vexation of heart due to jealousy.

4. If we want to pursue this vain path of envy and work hard to be better than others, we will end up to be alone. We will end up never satisfied in life and far away from God.

5. The Bible tells us two are better than one. We ought to support and help each other. There must be unity in the Lord and His Word among brethren and not envy. We ought to remember that a 3-fold cord is not easily broken, Do not let the sin of envy destroy this unity in the Lord.