

BUSINESS ENEMIES

1st Samuel 18:5-9

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In business, anyone who is favored and competent in what they do will have enemies in business. If you are a lazy and unproductive employee who brings grief to the workplace you are your own worst enemy.

The enemies this teaching is referring to are not internal. They are external. In business, **JEALOUSY & ENVY** is the root cause of why people become your enemies. When you are doing well, people hate that it's not them getting the compliments, raises, honor, promotions and favor.

They want what you have! The business world is all about what can I get and how much can I get. Whoever has the most will have more enemies. It's that simple. Prosperity and success has a price tag attached to it and that is jealousy.

Doing the right thing, being great at what you do, being blessed by your boss, getting promoted to a higher position comes with money, power, influence **AND** enemies. When people think of being successful in business they rarely add the enemy equation to the package.

Unfortunately, you can't pray these enemies away. They come with the blessing. Every blessing attracts an obstacle to conquer. In business, jealousy is the obstacle!

JEALOUSY

Jealous people are dangerous. They will smile in your face and stab you in the back. They will clap for you then criticize you later. They will congratulate you while seeking to devour you. Jealous people see you as a threat to their progress and opportunity.

Jealous people are sneaky. They are enemies you can obviously see. They must be discerned. Jealous people

are praising you in public and making plans against you in secret.

This is what happened to David when God promoted Him in front of King Saul. King Saul favored David as long as he was under him. When the people started to speak of David being greater than king Saul because of what he had achieved the tide changed.

What king Saul loved about David became the same thing he hated about David. David didn't do anything wrong. He did everything right. Sometimes doing what is right will produce a righteous reward while attracting the wrong people who want to take it.

RIGHTEOUSNESS ATTRACTS ENVIOUS PEOPLE.

1st Samuel 18:5-9 says, "*Saul sent David to fight in different battles, and David was very successful. Then Saul put David over the soldiers, which pleased Saul's officers and all the*

other people. After David had killed the Philistine, he and the men returned home. Women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul. They sang songs of joy, danced, and played tambourines and stringed instruments.

As they played, they sang, "Saul has killed thousands of his enemies, but David has killed tens of thousands." The women's song upset Saul, and he became very angry.

He thought, "The women say David has killed tens of thousands, but they say I have killed only thousands. The only thing left for him to have is the kingdom!" So Saul watched David closely from then on, because he was jealous."

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

These types of enemies are not going away. As long as you are successful and doing well in your place of business they are going to be right there waiting for an opportunity to discredit you. So what can you do?

Continue to work in excellence and remain **BLAMELESS!** Business enemies are waiting for you to mess up. They are hoping that you do something inappropriate or out of order so they can take what you have.

These enemies have **NO** power against you if you remain **BLAMELESS**. Do not give them anything to use against you. Continue to work with integrity and be a person worthy of honor.

As long as you do what is right, fair and honest these enemies are weightless. The only thing they can do is hold resentment in their heart but they cannot stop God's goodness from shining on you.

Ephesians 4:27 says, "*Do not give the devil a way to defeat you.*"

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