

# Life's Supervillians

## The Green Goblin & Jealousy

*Most of the time, jealousy is associated with romance and love triangles of some kind. But jealousy is a lot more universal than boy meets girl meets boy kinds of problems. Call it envy or covetousness if you want, but no matter what you call it, the root of all jealousy is fear. The fear that you won't get what you want; the fear that you won't be able to keep what you've got; the fear that you're not enough. In other words, inadequacy. This week, we're going to visit Spiderman's nemesis the Green Goblin and life's supervillain Jealousy to see what happens when you convince yourself that you are not enough.*

1 Corinthians 12:12, 14–18, 26–27

Numbers 16

**Jealousy comes with many names: Envy, covetousness, desire.**

1. The root of jealousy is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. You were created just as \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 1:31

3. The prescription to treating jealousy is \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The antidote to jealousy is \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The cure to jealousy is \_\_\_\_\_ and being

\_\_\_\_\_ in God's plan.

**Additional Notes**

## Digging Deeper and Going Further

Read Numbers 16. This is the story of the rebellion of Korah and his followers. They became jealous of Moses and Aaron and their leadership. What transpired is both a reality check and a metaphor for envy and jealousy.

1. "Without comparison, there is no jealousy." What do you think Korah and his followers were comparing that generated so much jealousy?

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2. Dr. Bill suggested that the root of jealousy is inadequacy ... that we don't believe we are "enough." What inadequacies do you think Korah and his followers were dealing with?

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3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4–27. What is the author's prescription for jealousy?

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4. How does jealousy gets in the way of the effectiveness of the body of Christ (the church)?

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5. 1 Corinthians 12 says that every member of the church (the body of Christ) has an important part to play in the body. What is your part?

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6. Psalm 139:14 says that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." And Genesis 1:31 says that we are "very good." How is this true of you?

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7. Take some time to reflect on ways you feel that you are not enough (on your inadequacies) and list them below. In light of #6 above, spend some time in prayer surrendering them to God.

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