

The Lost III

Have you ever been lost because of what people thought about you? Have you ever been lost because of what envious people said about you? Have you ever been lost because of what jealous people plotted against you? Have you been lost because of what haters did to destroy you?

Haters hate because they resent your success.

Every one of your successes reveals the hearts of the people around you.

- Your success will bring **joy** to your **friends**.
- Your success will bring **jealousy** to **foes**.

Some people despise you because of assignment and success.

- Being despised can cause you to be lost.

I

Someone will compare your success with their own.

They don't know your pain, struggles or tears.

NLT 2 Corinthians 10:12 Oh, don't worry; we wouldn't dare say that we are as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! But they are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant!

The comparison game is **unwise**, **unnecessary** and **ungodly**.

Envy is a deadly poison that breaks friendships and wounds marriages.

- Envy causes a strain on relationships and causes people to be lost.

II

David became the target of intense envy after he defeated Goliath.

NKJ 1 Samuel 18:7 So the women sang as they danced, and said: "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands."

Saul was so overcome with envy he became murderous.

Consider **2 Samuel 18:8-9, 11**

NKJ 1 Samuel 18:8 Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *only* thousands. Now *what* more can he have but the kingdom?"⁹ So Saul eyed David from that day forward.

NKJ 1 Samuel 18:11 And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.

Jealousy births a spirit of murder and destruction.

- Haters want you out of the way and cause you to be lost.

III

You are a treasure and realize you have something another admires.

NKJ 1 Samuel 18:12 Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul.

Never downplay or belittle your **success** or **achievements**, it won't appease anything.

- *Don't waste your time! Haters hate!*

NLT Proverbs 22:24 Don't befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people,²⁵ or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul.

NLT Proverbs 27:4 Anger is cruel, and wrath is like a flood, but jealousy is even more dangerous.

You cannot solve the **problem** of an envious person.

- Reject envy and despise jealousy!
- *Don't let jealousy break your focus or detour your assignment.*