

IDOLATRY & PRIDE

Matthew 19:24

Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”



James 4:13-16

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” — yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.


2 Corinthians 10:17-18

“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

Colossians 3:5

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

covetous adjective

cov·et·ous 'kə-və-təs 

[Synonyms of covetous](#) >

1 : marked by **inordinate** desire for wealth or possessions or for another's possessions

envy

1 of 2

noun

en·vy

'en-vē 

plural **envies**

[Synonyms of *envy*](#) >

- 1** : painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage

jealous adjective

jeal·ous (ˈje-ləs )

[Synonyms of jealous >](#)

- 1 : hostile toward a rival or one believed to enjoy an advantage : **ENVIOUS**
- 2 **a** : intolerant of rivalry or unfaithfulness
b : disposed to suspect rivalry or unfaithfulness
- 3 : vigilant in guarding a possession

Jealousy vs. Envy

Depending on who you ask, *jealousy* and *envy* are either exact synonyms, totally different words, or near-synonyms with some degree of semantic overlap and some differences. It is difficult to make the case, based on the evidence of usage that we have, for either of the first two possibilities. Both *jealousy* and *envy* are often used to indicate that a person is *covetous* of something that someone else has, but *jealousy* carries the particular sense of “zealous vigilance” and tends to be applied more exclusively to feelings of protectiveness regarding one’s own advantages or attachments.

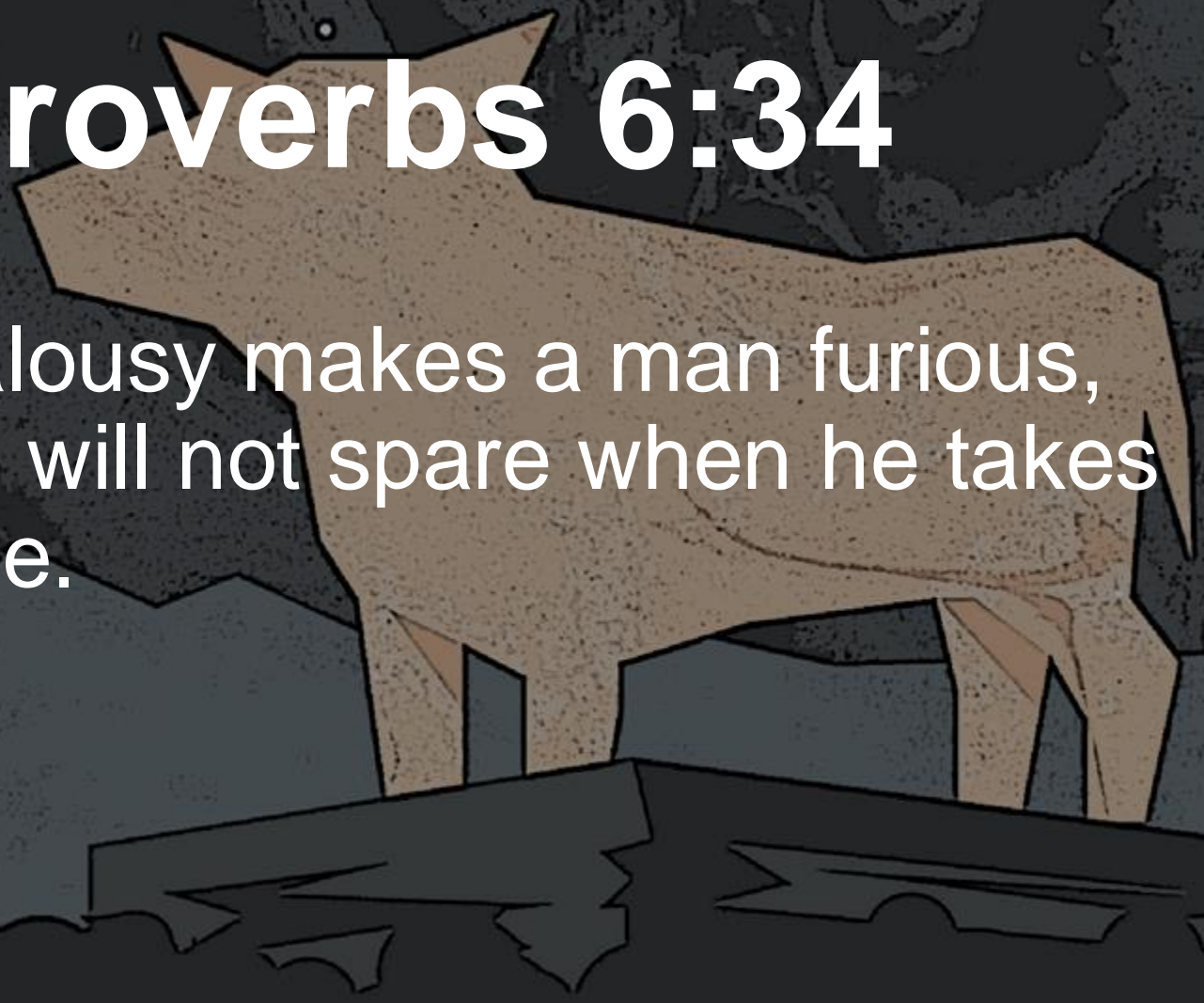
Exodus 34:14



(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD,
whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God)

Proverbs 6:34

For jealousy makes a man furious,
and he will not spare when he takes
revenge.



Job 1:20-21

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Philippians 4:11-13

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

IF IT **STOPS** YOU FROM
GETTING **CLOSER TO GOD**
THEN IT NEEDS TO **GO.**



1 Corinthians 10:14



Strive for the Crown

Revelations 3:16-17

So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Habakkuk 2:6b-7

“Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own—
for how long?— and loads himself with pledges!”
Will not your debtors suddenly arise, and those
awake who will make you tremble? Then you will
be spoil for them.

Habakkuk 2:18-19

“What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols!

Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it.