

# Three Value Sources:

1. Self
2. The World
3. The Word

EPHESIANS 4:31

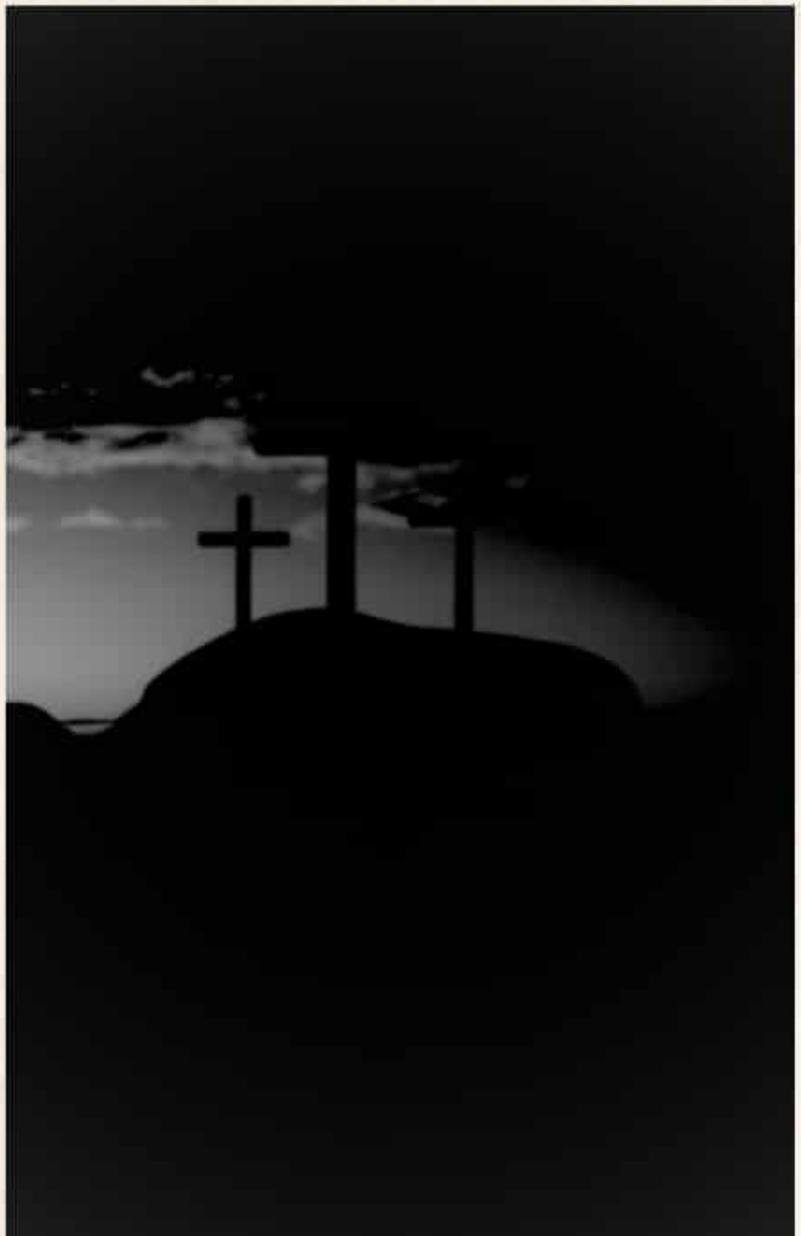
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LESSON EIGHT:

# Guarding Against Malice

"IT IS NEVER WISE TO SEEK OR WISH ANOTHER'S MISFORTUNE. IF MALICE OR ENVY WERE TANGIBLE AND HAD A SHAPE, IT WOULD BE THE SHAPE OF A BOOMERANG."

Malice is defined as a wrongful intention.







Malice in the Bible is described as a deep-seated ill will or desire to harm others. Malice is the quiet desire to see someone get what is coming to them, or to take pleasure in their misfortune.

# THREE BIBLICAL REFERENCES REGARDING MALICE:



*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, outcry and slander, along with every form of malice.*

# EPHESIANS 4:31

# Colossians 3:8

But now you must put aside all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.





*Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander.*

# 1 PETER 2:1

# MALICE:



* The quiet replay of injuries with the desire to "get even."
* The subtle hope that another would hurt as we have hurt.
* The withheld kindness or delight at another's fall.

MALICE IS DIRECT OPPOSITE TO GOD'S CHARACTER

ESTHER 7:1-10

# Malice: The Case of Haman

"So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther. And on the second day, at the banquet of wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request, up to half the kingdom?

It shall be done!” Then Queen Esther answered and said, “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. Had we been sold as male and female slaves,



I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could never compensate for the king's loss." So, King Ahasuerus answered and said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?" And Esther said, "The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman!" So, Haman was terrified before the king and queen.



Then the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman stood before Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king. When the king returned from the palace garden to the place of the banquet of wine, Haman had fallen across the couch where Esther was. Then the king said,

"Will he also assault the queen while I am in the house?" As the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. Now Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the king, "Look! The gallows, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good on the king's behalf, is standing at the house of Haman."

Then the king said, "Hang him on it!" So, they hung Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath subsided."

# THREE LIFE LESSONS FROM THE ACTIONS OF HAMAN:

ESTHER 3:5

# 1. Haman Wanted Honor

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:23

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.

# 2. Haman Had Mood Swings

Mood swings are rapid, unpredictable, and uncontrollable emotional highs and lows, functioning like an emotional roller coaster that can interfere with daily life.

Esther 5:9

So, Haman went out that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, and that he did not stand or tremble before him, he was filled with indignation against Mordecai.

01.

We see someone we dislike

02.

A trial hits

03.

Someone insults us

ESTHER 7:9-10

# 3. Haman Planted the Wrong Field

Galatians 6:8

If you plant in the field of your natural desires, from it you will gather the harvest of death; if you plant in the field of the Spirit, from the Spirit you will gather the harvest of eternal life.

# FOUR LIFE LESSONS FROM HAMAN'S MALICE:

Job 4:8

# 1. The Law of Sowing and Reaping

Titus 3:3

2. Malice is Self-Destructive

Proverbs 16:18

3. Pride Precedes a Fall

# Scripture References of God's Hidden Justice:

1. Ecclesiastes 12:14
2. Romans 12:19





"MALICE SWALLOWS THE GREATEST PART OF ITS OWN VENOM."