

An Unhealthy Response to Difficult Times

James 3:13-16

(Part 7 – Walking through Difficult Times)

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#1. What is the Unhealthy Response?

✠ **It is unhealthy to respond in _____.**

✠ **It is a sharply _____**

attitude of _____.

“Most people are motivated to success by their envy of their neighbors. But this is meaningless, like chasing the wind.”

Eccl. 4:4 (NLT)

#2. Why is this so Unhealthy?

1. Because of where _____

“How you have fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning!

You have been thrown down to the earth. For you said to yourself,

‘I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God’s stars.

I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.”

Isaiah 14:12-14 (NLT)

2. Because of what _____

*“A heart at peace gives life to the body,
but envy rots the bones.”*

Proverbs 14:30 (NIV)

#3. What’s the Antidote?

✠ _____ **is the cure.**

✠ **Such a _____ sees everything
within the _____ of _____.**

*“Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘Behold your King is coming to you,
gentle, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt,
the foal of a beast of burden.’” Matthew 21:5 (NAS)*

#4. How To Do This

#1. Thank God for what He has

_____.

*“God richly provides us with everything
for our enjoyment.” 1 Tim. 6:17 (NIV)*

**#2. Thank God for His _____ to
take _____ of _____.**

*“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’
or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things,
and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first
His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things
will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV)*

**#3. Thank God for His _____ that
no one _____ with _____.**

*“Don’t worry about the wicked. Don’t envy those who do wrong.
For like grass, they soon fade away. Like springtime flowers,
they soon wither.” Psalm 37:1-2 (NLT)*

*“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.
A man reaps what he sows.” Gal. 6:7 (NIV)*