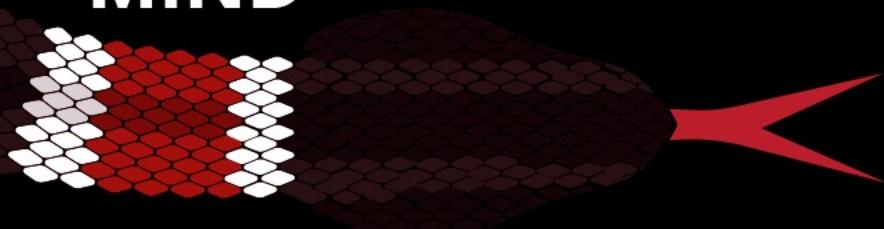




**BEATING  
THE BULLY  
IN OUR  
MIND**



**SNAKES THAT  
SEPARATE  
SAINTS**

# I. The 3 Seeds Which Separate Saints:

1. The need to be approved by people
  2. Fear of abandonment and rejection
  3. Victim mentality which desires sympathy
- These three seeds are the catalyst for all dysfunctions, arguments and broken relationships.

II. You'll never get closer to  
God being angry with  
people.

# 1 John 4:20

**20** If anyone says, "I love God,"  
but hates his brother, he is a  
liar.

### III. What's at stake when we aren't unified

# Matthew 18:19 (ISV)

**19** Furthermore, I tell all of you with certainty that if two of you agree on earth about anything you request, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven,

IV. The moment you wish ill on anyone, you've just submitted your heart for Satan to rule (which is what he wanted in the first place).

Luke 6:27

**27** “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

# Leviticus 19:18

**18** “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

- forgive others like you forgive yourself.

# Romans 12:14

**14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Q: So how did I get in all  
this pain?

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A: Your pain didn't come from them. The reason you  
are hurt is because they removed an already exhausting  
scab.

# James 4:1 (GNT)

**1** Where do all the fights and quarrels among you come from? They come from your desires for pleasure, which are constantly fighting within you.

3 seeds which Satan sows to  
cause destruction and separation  
in relationships.

1. The need to feel approved causes one to submit his identity to people for approval.

# Genesis 3:4&5

4 “That’s a lie!” the serpent hissed.  
“You’ll not die! 5 God knows very well  
that the instant you eat it you will  
become like him, for your eyes will be  
opened—you will be able to  
distinguish good from evil!”

2. The fear of abandonment and rejection may cause one's actions to be based on concern of being alone.

#Note: Adam hid himself fearing that if exposed it would cause God to abandon them.

# Genesis 3:10

**10** And Adam replied, “I heard you coming and didn’t want you to see me naked. So I hid.”

### 3. Victim Mentality Desire to seek sympathy:

You tend to think others are purposefully trying to hurt you and believe you alone are targeted for mistreatment.

# Genesis 3:12-13

**12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

**13** And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

V. Our Remedy: Forgive without delay. Don't allow bitterness to grow into a curse.

# Hebrews 12:15 (AMP)

**15** See to it that no one falls short of God's grace; that no root of resentment springs up and causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

VI. But why me? Why must  
I be the one to always take  
the high road? I'm mad!

# 1 Peter 2:9-10

**9-10** But you are the ones chosen by God,  
chosen for the high calling of priestly work,  
chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments  
to do his work and speak out for him, to tell  
others of the night-and-day difference he  
made for you—from nothing to something,  
from rejected to accepted.

# Luke 6:37

**37** Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;

John 8:7

7 And as they continued to ask him,  
he stood up and said to them, “Let  
him who is without sin among you  
be the first to throw a stone at her.”

VII. Finally, let none of us take the gift of life and waste its time being upset and angry. A person fighting for his life would tell you..."its not worth it!"

# Ephesians 4:32

**32** Be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ forgave you.

# Additional Notes:

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## *Psalm 55: 12-14 NLT*

**12** It is not an enemy who taunts me—  
I could bear that.

It is not my foes who so arrogantly insult me—  
I could have hidden from them.

**13** Instead, it is you—my equal,  
my companion and close friend.

**14** What good fellowship we once enjoyed  
as we walked together to the house of God.



Snakes that Separate Saints