

Bad Girls of the Bible
“Peninnah: The Bitter Antagonist”
(Part 3)
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I Sam. 1:6-8 “So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the LORD had kept her from having children. Year after year it was the same—Peninnah would taunt Hannah as they went to the Tabernacle. Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat. Why are you crying, Hannah?” Elkanah would ask. “Why aren’t you eating? Why be downhearted just because you have no children? You have me—isn’t that better than having ten sons?” (NLT)

I. Antagonists Are Motivated By Their _____

I Sam. 1:4-5 “Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her...” (NLT)

- A. Peninnah was an insecure wounded woman
- B. Remembering that antagonists are wounded people helps us have _____

II. Antagonists Can Be Relentless In Their Attacks

Year after year it was the same—Peninnah would taunt Hannah

- A. As long as the _____, antagonists have an endless supply of attacks
- B. Dealing with our own wounding protects us from being antagonistic

Is. 53:4-5 “Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows... But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (NIV)

*Matt 11:28-30 “Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. **Let me teach you**, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” (NLT)*

III. Antagonists Are Unconcerned Over The Pain They Cause Others

Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat.



A. Antagonist can progress to the point of having no _____

I Tim. 4:2 "These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead." (NLT)

B. Maintaining a _____ keeps our concern for others

I Tim. 1:19 "Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked." (NLT)

Keeping a clear conscience:

1. Pay attention to it
2. Hear _____ through it
3. Live _____ by it

IV. How To Deal With A Bitter Antagonist

1. Pray
2. _____ your way to God
3. _____ God to defend you
4. Refuse to engage at their level
5. _____ long enough

Ps. 37:1-6 Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong. For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither. Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires. Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you. He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun." (NLT)

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