

SEVEN THINGS THE LORD HATES

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“These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.” (Proverbs 6:16-19)
The wise man Solomon list seven things that the Lord's hates.

"A Proud Look" Mean haughty eyes. A lofty expression can reveal the wrong kind of pride in a person. God does not want His people to look down upon others. God's people are to be humble and meek. Matthew 5:5; James 4:6-8

"A Lying Tongue." "I hate and abhor lying, but I love Your law. " {Psalm 119: 160} Lying is something we are to put off when we become Christians, Colossians 3:9. Many times lying seems the best way out of a difficult situation. We are told that all liars will have a part in the lake of fire. Revelation 21:8

"Hands That Shed Innocent Blood." This is of course murder. God hates the willful taking of human life. Cain was cursed for murdering Abel. Genesis 4: 7-9 God gave Noah a law concerning the murderer, Genesis 9:6. Life is a precious thing and should be valued by all human beings. Murderers will also be lost! Where does this place the folks who support and perform abortions in our country? Can one truly believe that these folks don't have blood on their hands – innocent blood!

"A Heart That Deviseth Wicked Imaginations." A heart that is busy scheming, plotting, wicked things. Our minds must be kept pure. Proverbs 20:7; 1 Timothy 5:22. We must control how and what goes into our minds and the things we think on. One of the greatest vices of the 21st century, pornography falls into this category. When those wicked pictures and images are placed in our minds it always will lead one's heart to wicked imaginations!

"Feet That Are Swift In Running To Mischief." Many are eager beavers to get involved in ungodliness. We must learn to say NO! “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.” (Ephesians 5:11); “Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.” (1 Thessalonians 5:21,22). We must flee all appearance of evil and seek to do good always! God's children must be mindful of the steps they follow and on what paths those steps will take them. Sadly, many young people quickly follow the crowd into all types of mischief – before considering where this is going to lead them. God warns us “not to follow a multitude into sin!”

"A False Witness That Speaketh Lies." You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” (Exodus 20:16). Some men will lie to protect a guilty person. This can also include gossip. Before we repeat "what we have heard," we must check out our facts and search our hearts for what purpose am I repeating these facts. We need to learn discipline with our mouths! Reputations take a lifetime to make but one poor choice or a lie spoken about some person's conduct can greatly damage it forever!

"He That Soweth Discord Among Brethren." Brethren who are always stirring up strife and contention are hated by the Lord. "But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!" (Galatians 5: 15) Christians are rather to seek peace and speak such things which will promote peace and not strife! Nothing is worse than brethren who try to divide and cause factions within the church. One can easily be guilty of this conduct by pushing a personal judgment to the point of causing division in a local congregation. Many brethren who have caused "splinter groups" over non-issues will face God in judgment for the harm they have done to the body of Christ!

Dear reader, if God hates these things we should be very careful concerning the decisions we make in our lives not to be guilty of such conduct .***