

## To Hate or Not to Hate, That Is the Question

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A number of years ago the Lord spoke to me saying, "Diane, you will never know My fullness until you hate what I hate."

That was a shock; sure I had read Proverbs about the six things God hates but never really thought about Him truly hating something. I had always concentrated on "God is love"... "for God so loved the world"...

As a child I was raised that hating "wasn't right".

As a parent I usually corrected my children when they used the word hate. I told them it wasn't "nice" to hate.

I now realize I did them a grave injustice. I should have taught them that that hating wasn't automatically wrong, that there is a righteous hatred. That it is right to hate certain things,

**"A time to love, and a time to hate..."** Ecclesiastes 3:8

Again the Lord spoke to me about hating and said, "without a perfect hatred for what I hate, you will never have victory over it, your warfare will never be complete". "He said you will never destroy what you don't hate."

I began to ask the Father to show me how and what to hate.

Does the Lord hate? I believe the following scriptures answer that question.

**"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."** Proverbs 6:16-19

**"Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, ye, nor your fathers. Howbeit I sent unto you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate."** Jeremiah 44:3-4

**"These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor. Zechariah 8:16-17**

**"But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate... So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate."** Revelation 2:6, 15

This passage tells me that the Lord hates deeds and doctrines (teachings) that are contrary to Him as truth and righteousness. Therefore I should hate deeds and doctrines that are contrary to Him. Notice

the Lord didn't say He hated the Nicolaitans but that He hated their deeds and doctrines. The Nicolaitans were a sect who practiced idolatry, wickedness, and sexual perversion.

Are we as believers to hate? I believe that the following Scriptures answer this question as well.

We use the word hate so casually today in our society...I hate peas, I hated that restaurant, I hate that dog, I hate my hair, I hate the way that dress looks on me... In making the word so common place we have to some degree taken away the depth of its power and purpose.

Let's look at the definition of the word hate,

- Hate—to hate personally, to utterly hate, odious = disgusting, offensive He8130
- Hate—to detest; to persecute Gr3404
- Persecute—to pursue; to follow after; given to suffer Gr1377. Webster's defines persecute—to afflict or harass constantly so as to injury or distress; to oppress cruelly; to trouble or annoy constantly

**“Ye that love the LORD, hate evil** (affliction, wretchedness = *deeply distressed unhappy, miserable; mischief = harm, hurt, injury; He7451* Webster's - having bad/depraved moral qualities, corrupt, perverse)...” Psalm 97:10

**“Through Thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.”** Psalm 119:104

**“Surely Thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. For they speak against Thee wickedly, and Thine enemies take Thy name in vain. Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate Thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against Thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.”** Psalm 139:19-22

**“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward (perverse, fraud He8419) mouth, do I hate.”** Proverbs 8:13

**“Hate the evil, and love the good...”** Amos 5:15

**“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor (to detest utterly Gr655) that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.”** Romans 12:9

Today those who live in wickedness, idolatry, and sexual perversion surround us. Do we allow that which is offensive to the Lord, that which He hates - that which is contrary to the truth, to entertain us? Do we watch movies or TV programs that treat homosexuality, adultery, fornication, murder, and unrighteous violence lightly or even humorously? In doing so we do not hate what God hates.

How can we have a prayer meeting in the morning, binding up the spirit of homosexuality or contending against the works of the spirit of lust, waging war against these world rulers, crying out to God to deliver those that are bound, and that same evening watch a TV program or video that treats these subject matters lightly. For example, we will watch a program that doesn't show nudity thinking

that this is acceptable. However, the characters are portraying adulterous relationships; perhaps there is a very likeable character in the movie that is homosexual. How can we think that our prayers offered just hours earlier could have been effective, when in our hearts we obviously don't hate the enemy enough to avoid his ungodly entertainment in the evening.

True righteous hatred will thrust us into passionate intercession and warfare. Righteous hatred keeps us from becoming inappropriately "tolerant" or "apathetic". Misplaced Tolerance and apathy hinder us in intercession and warfare.