

Human Emotion: Hate

"Hatred stirreth up strifes; but love covereth all sins."
(Proverbs 10:12)

Definition: To dislike greatly; to have a great aversion to. (1828 Noah Webster's Dictionary).

Introduction

- I. Good people hate the evil and their evil deeds.
 - A. That seems like a natural enough human response (14:17; 24:24-25).
 - B. But there is a dark, ugly side to this emotion—a side directly related to Satan (1 John 3:10-15).
 - C. Hatred first reared its ugly head in Cain's heart and gave him the notorious distinction as the first murderer (Genesis 4:1-15).
 1. Murder is a heinous crime, rarely found among God's people, but hatred is commonplace.
 2. Yet, the man who hates and the man who kills are guilty of the same crime, for the sin lies in the inward disposition, of which the act is only the outward expression (1 John 3:15).
- II. The Dark Side Of Hatred
 - A. Evil men hate good men (29:10; 21:10).
 1. Understandably the good hate the evil and their deeds.
 2. Why would the evil hate the good (cf. 9:8; John 3:19-21)?
 - B. Hatred disguises itself (26:24-26; 10:18).
 1. Hides behind flattery, lies, and kind speech.
 2. Hatred will make one a hypocrite—blessing with his mouth and cursing with his heart.
 - C. Hatred stirs up strife (10:12; 26:20-21).
 1. Without fuel the fire goes out.
 2. Hatred fuels strife, contention, and dissension.
 - D. Hatred comes back on you (26:27). Note context of Proverbs 26:24-28.
 1. It is merciless to others, it will be merciless to you.
- III. Manifestations Of Hatred.
 - A. Note other New Testament passages where these are grouped together: Gal. 5:19-21, 26; Titus 3:3; Jam. 3:10-18; 1 Pet. 2:1; 1 Cor. 13:4-7.
 - B. Envy and jealousy (14:30; 6:34-35).
 1. Envy wants what another has, and hates him for having it.
 - C. Lying (26:28; 10:18).
 1. Hatred spreads gossip, rumors, slander, innuendoes, and lies which destroy the one it hates.
 2. It can smite its enemy secretly when his defenses are down.
 - D. Retaliation (20:22; 24:29).
 1. Displeasing to God (17:5; 24:17). Why would such be wrong?
 2. A losing response (26:27).
 3. The proper response (25:21-22). How would we do this?

How To Be A Slave

"The moment you start hating a man, you have become his slave. He controls your thoughts, invades your dreams, absorbs your creativity, and determines your appetite—he affects your digestion, robs you of your peace of mind and good will, and takes away the pleasure of your work. He ruins your religion, nullifies your prayers, and you cannot enjoy a vacation anymore. He destroys your privacy when you eat. He is close beside you while you drive your car, affects your attitude on the job, and distracts your mind, your tone of voice when you speak to your boss, your wife or your child. Do you want to be a slave and hate him?" (copied)