

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

STUDIES IN PROVERBS

LESSON 6: HATRED

SCRIPTURE READING:

²⁴ He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; ²⁵ When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart. ²⁶ Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation. ²⁷ Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him” (Prov 26:24-27).

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Hatred is defined as Prejudiced Hostility or Animosity. Immense feelings of dislike toward someone or something.**
- B. According to the KJV Dictionary, Hatred “may spring from offenses or injuries done by fellow men, or from envy or jealousy, in which case it is usually accompanied with malevolence or malignity.”**
- **Malevolence** is wishing evil or harm to another or others; showing ill-will; ill-disposed; malicious” (Collins Dictionary).
 - **Malignity** is “persistent, intense ill will or desire to harm others; great malice. The quality of being very harmful or dangerous; malignancy” (Collins Dictionary).
- C. Quotes on Hate:**
- “Hate is like acid. It can damage the vessel in which it is stored as well as destroy the object on which it is poured” (Ann Landers).
 - “A man who hates to be slapped on the back packs his coat with TNT and waits for this man who always slaps his back. His idea is when he hits me I will get him, I'll blow him up. Hate kills both the person who you hate, but also yourself as well. Hating people is like burning down your own house to get rid of a rat” (H.E. Fosdick).

WORLD’S WAY – WISDOM’S WAY

- **World’s Way** – Wrong reaction to life and others.
- **Wisdom’s Way** – Biblical (correct) response to life and others

WORLD’S WAY

A. Hatred Leads to Slander (Prov 10:18)

The hateful person conceals their hatred for other people by lying about them and slandering their names.

1. The hateful person spreads evil and untrue reports about others.
2. The hateful person disguises their true feelings about others, pretending to love others when in fact they hate them. The hateful are very deceptive in their actions.

B. Hateful People Cannot Be Trusted (Prov 26:25)

1. The hater tries to conceal his hatred with gracious words. However, his intent is to be deceitful. The hater cannot be trusted as he is full of evil and malice.
2. The hater may conceal his hatred for a while, however, his wickedness will come to light for all to see.

C. Hatred is Deceiving (Prov 20:10; 26:24)

The hater will use dishonest devices, means and words to benefit himself at the expense of others.

○ **A Butcher is Selling Meat and Has One Chicken Left**

A butcher is selling meat at his shop and is down to his last chicken. A woman comes into the store and approaches the butcher. She asks the butcher for a chicken. The butcher goes into the freezer and pulls out his only remaining chicken. He returns and puts it on the counter. The woman takes a look at the chicken and asks the butcher if he has any larger chicken. The butcher takes the chicken and puts it back in the freezer. He waits a minute, pulls the same chicken back out of the freezer, and returns. He puts it in front of the woman and says this is a bigger chicken. “Great!” Says the woman, “I’ll take them both!” (Redditt)

D. Hateful People Hate Good People (Prov 21:10)

1. The hater is wicked and always plotting some new evilness. His sins are deliberate and ruthless. He takes pleasure in harming others.
2. **As Believers, remember these words of Jesus:**
 - “Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake” (Luke 6:22).
 - “¹⁸ If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. ²¹ But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. (John 15:18-21).

E. Hatred Loves to Dig Up Evil (Prov 16:27)

The Hater – “An Ungodly Man” – is useless and worthless. He plots, invents or designs evilness against others with his slanderous speech. His intent is to destroy the reputation of others with his offensive tongue.

F. Hateful People Enjoy Spreading Evil Reports (Prov 16:27-28)

The Hateful are troublemakers who distort truth in order to create trouble or chaos. Their motive is to cause division and destroy close relationships by spreading evil gossip.

- “¹⁷ Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. ¹⁸ For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple (Rom 16:17-18).
- “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us” (2 Thess 3:6).

G. Results and Consequences as Set Forth in Proverbs:

1. Hatred Results in Dissension (Prov 10:12)

The hater stirs up – awakens – invokes conflicts and disharmony with others and between individuals.

2. Hatred Causes Strife and Contention (Prov 10:12)

The hater stirs up old grudges and quarrels for the purpose of creating trouble.

3. Hatred Causes Bad Memories (Prov 15:17)

Hateful people create Bad Memories based on their wicked actions and treatment of others. Whenever there is no love and genuine fellowship – it creates Bad Memories.

4. Hatred Comes Back On You (Prov 26:27)

The wickedness of the hateful person will become known to others. They will become known for who they really are and their evil deeds. They will fall into the pit that they dug to trap others.

- “But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out” (Num 32:23).
- “⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Gal 6:7-8).

5. Hatred Leads to Envy and Jealousy (Prov 14:30; 6:34-35)

Envy is the sin of jealousy over the blessings and achievement of others. Envy and Jealousy are interchangeable.

- “For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work” (James 3:16).

The Landmine of Jealousy

Jealousy has destructive power. It’s actually a disagreement with God over something we don’t have that He has chosen to give someone else. Or, in some cases, it results from fear of being replaced in a relationship or job. To overcome this attitude, we must first acknowledge that we have a conflict with God. We should confess our wrong mindset, repent, and then turn away from it (Charles Stanley).

6. Hatred Leads to Retaliation (Prov 20:22; 24:29)

The hateful person seeks vengeance on his enemies. Do not seek vengeance as it is the Lord’s – He will repay. Wait on the Lord. He will deliver His people from their enemies.

- “¹⁷Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” (Rom 12:17-19).
- “For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people” (Heb 10:30).

7. Hated is Destructive (Prov 29:1)

The hateful person who refuses to repent will be destroyed.

“Sometimes God may allow the natural consequences of sin to take their course in the lives of the hardhearted, resulted in death. Sometimes God may remove His hand of protection and allow some sickness, accident, or tragedy to claim our lives” (POSB).

8. Hatred is Displeasing to God (Prov 17:5; 24:17)

The hateful person that mocks (laughs at, scorns, scoffs) the poor insults the Lord – “His Maker.” To be disrespectful to the poor is to be disrespectful to the Majesty of God. Whosoever is kind to the needy honors God.

- “He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he” (Prov 14:21).
- “He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor” (Prov 14:31).

God loves the poor and Believers are to treat them with respect and meet their needs. We are responsible in our actions toward the poor and God wants us to respond to that responsibility with love and action.

WISDOM’S WAY

- Be Wise – Love (Correct Response)
- Christian Love is a selfless, sacrificial, forgiving, unconditional and non-reciprocating way of relating to God and to others.
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 describes Christian Love as living according to God’s character.
- “**God is Love**” (1 John 4:16). God is the source of love.

A WISE PERSON

Prov 17:9 – “He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.”

- Hatred enjoys spreading evil reports whereas love forgives and keeps its mouth shut. Love does not delight in stirring up contention and fights by talebearing, whispering, evil, surmising and cursing.

Prov 10:12 – Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.”

- Love contributes toward peace as it forgives the sin of others. Love does not dwell on faults.

Prov 25:21 – “If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink.”

- Kindness to one’s enemy is the proper response to retaliation. By returning good for evil shows that we love the enemy. It also shows that we are acknowledging God as the balancer of all accounts and trusting Him to be the judge.

Prov 17:17 – “A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

- A true friend loves and helps in times of distress as well as prosperity. Jesus said, “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matt 5:44). We are to love all people at all times – good and bad.

Summary of a Wise Person (Wisdom’s Way) from Proverbs:

Hatred disguises itself, stirs up strife and is merciless to others. It results from pride and selfishness. It manifests envy, jealousy, lying and retaliation. The Wisdom’s Way is to do good to others and love everybody. Hatred steals, kills and destroys. Whereas, love seeks peace and to build up. Love is of God. Love is pleasing unto God. Our love for God is measured by how we treat others (Matt 10:42). Love is the key to the Christian life (Rom 5:2-5). Love is patient and ... never fails (1 Cor 13:4-8). **God is Love!**

Practical Application (including results and consequences)

1. Overcome evilness by being good. “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good” (Rom 12:21).
2. Love at all time – Hatred is too great a burden to bear.
3. Do not spend time with those who hate.
4. Do not lie, slander or deceive others.
5. Do not retaliate against others. Allow God to work in this area. “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” (Rom 12:19).
6. “Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Cor 10:31). Our goal should be pleasing God at all times. God is not pleased when we hate someone.
7. Remember God knows all about us and our situations. We cannot hide our emotions – hatred or love from Him. We are commanded to love one another. Obey the Bible.

KEY VERSE”

“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you” (Eph 4:32).

CONCLUSION:

A. Bible Verses About Love From Jesus

Love Your Neighbor

- Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:36-40).

Love One Another

- Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:34-35).
- Jesus said, “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you: (John 15:12).

Love Your Enemies

- Jesus said, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:44-45).

True Love is Sacrificial

- Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).

B. Quotes on Love from Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- “Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
- “I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”
- “Hatred paralyzes life; Love releases it.
Hatred confuses life; Love harmonizes it.
Hatred darkens life; Love illuminates it.”

C. Beloved, Let Us Love One Another (1 John 4:7-8)

Beloved, let us love one another, For love is God,
And everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.
He that loveth nor knoweth not God, For God is Love.
Beloved, let us love one another.

D. Trust Jesus Christ Today for Salvation! - ABC's of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you're a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).