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# BIBLE TALK

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This week the question is: **What are seven things God hates?**

Many people cannot believe that God hates anything. The picture that most people have is that God loves everyone and everything and could not possibly hate anything. But the Bible clearly says that God hates seven things:

## **Proverbs 6:16-19**

- 16 These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:
- 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,
- 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,
- 19 A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

Seven things are an abomination to God. "Abomination" means something extremely disgusting. What are the things that are extremely disgusting which God hates. Let's look at this list and make just a comment or two about each thing on the list.

### **1) A proud look.**

God hates pride. Pride was the sin committed by the Devil which caused him to be cast out of heaven (1 Tim 3:6). When someone thinks they are deserving and worthy of honor and promotion. My friend, have you ever heard of "*Gay Pride Week*"? What do you suppose that God thinks about this? When people are proud of something they do which is sinful – what do you suppose God thinks about that? Do you suppose that God will bring these people into heaven with Him when this world is over? Absolutely not. People ought to be ashamed of their sins (Rom 6:21).

### **2) A lying tongue.**

God hates lying because he is truth (Tit 1:2). Lying is something that is impossible for God to do. A lie, according to the dictionary, is "*an untrue or inaccurate statement that may or may not be believed true by the speaker.*" (Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary) According to this, a person does not have to purposefully try to deceive someone to be guilty of lying. This is why we all must be careful when we repeat stories. When people gossip, the information they have may

or may not be accurate and if we repeat a story that is not accurate, we are guilty of lying. God hates lying.

### **3) Hands that shed innocent blood.**

This demonstrates that capital punishment is not the same as murder in the eyes of God. A murderer or rapist is not "innocent" – they are guilty and they deserve to die at the hands of "two or three witnesses" (Heb. 10:28). But when innocent blood is shed, God hates this. This is what makes abortion so wrong – because the unborn baby is innocent and has done nothing deserving of death. The mother, the doctors, and the nurses who participate in an abortion will be held responsible by God – even if the government thinks it is okay (Ex 21:22-23). This is what made the crucifixion of Jesus so despicable – because He was innocent (Jn 19:4).

### **4) A heart that devises wicked plans.**

Some people sit around and think up new ways to do evil things. When the camera was invented, someone thought of how it could be used in an evil way to produce pornography. When the computer was invented, someone sat around and thought of a way to use the computer to steal from people. They thought of ways to promote ungodliness. Every invention of man causes someone to sit around and think of a way to use that invention to do evil. God hates this, and those who are guilty will answer for it on the Judgment Day (Ecc 12:14).

### **5) Feet that are swift in running to evil.**

This describes, not the person sitting around thinking up evil things, as we just discussed, but rather it describes someone who is waiting and ready to try what someone else has thought up. This is the person who can be "talked into anything." This is the fellow who is daring and will try anything new, risky, dangerous, illegal, immoral. These people don't just walk into evil, they **run** into it. They run **swiftly**. They are anxious to try something new and immoral. God hates this and people doing this will be held responsible (2 Cor 5:10).

### **6) A false witness who speaks lies.**

A false witness speaking a lie is different than an ordinary liar. This person knows that he is lying! This person swears to a lie. This is not someone passing on unconfirmed information and thus guilty of lying. This person planned to tell something which he knew was false to hurt someone else. God hates this. All liars – whether they lied on purpose or unknowingly – will have their part in a lake of fire when the Judgment Day comes (Rev 21:8).

## 7) One who sows discord among brethren.

God hates when someone goes among the brethren and causes division. Brethren will naturally have disagreements. Eph 4:3 tells us what we must work at having peace, because it doesn't come easy or naturally. But some people cause division of the church. They divide brethren and sisters from one another. This is what makes denominations wrong. In mathematics, the denominator is the number on the bottom of the fraction which causes division. In religion, a denomination is an organization which causes division. God hates all denominations. Jesus did not die for a denomination. He died for His one church (Acts 20:28). Anyone who divides the Lord's church will be held responsible on Judgment Day.

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