**Seven Abominations to the Lord**

*Proverbs 6:16-19*

**Introduction**

1. **Proverbs 6:12-15** describes ***“a worthless person, a wicked man.”***
2. **Proverbs 6:16-19** continues the thought by considering the things the ***“worthless person”*** does that God hates.
   1. He hates them.
   2. **However, hate does not seem like a strong enough word. They are an abomination to Him. (Abomination – disgusting; an abhorrence)**
   3. There are other things God considers an abomination, but these fall in context with the ***“worthless person” in verses 12-15.***
3. These are things a Christian should not want to be mixed up with.
   1. ***“but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’” (1 Peter 1:15-16).***
   2. These things are detestable to God because they are contrary to His holy nature.
   3. **They should be detestable to us, and we should never be involved with them.**
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5. “A proud look”
   1. **1 Peter 5:5** – We are instructed to be “clothed” with humility.
      1. Submissive to one another – defer to one another.
      2. **The Christian is not to look to be served, but look to serve.**
      3. God abhors pride. He resists those who are proud.
   2. **Proverbs 16:18; 29:23** – Pride is destructive to us.
      1. God will not allow the proud to thrive.
      2. **Ultimately, in the end the proud will be humbled as they give an answer for their evil.**
6. “A lying tongue”
   1. **Hebrews 6:17-18** – God cannot lie. It is against His nature.
      1. We are made in the image of God, and are to imitate Him to the best of our ability.
      2. **Truth should always be on our tongue.**
   2. **John 8:44** – The very antipode of God is the devil.
      1. Where the devil is the father of lies, God is the Father of truth.
      2. **When we lie, we conform to the devil’s image.**
   3. **Revelation 21:8** – Liars will not make it to heaven.
   4. ***“Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight” (Proverbs 12:22).***
7. “Hands that shed innocent blood”
   1. **Genesis 9:5-6** – God mad man in His image. Life is precious/sacred.
      1. **Exodus 21:22-25** – This includes abortion.
      2. **A taking of any innocent life is an abomination.**
   2. **1 John 3:15** – We are not to hate are brother. That is the precursor to murder.
8. “A heart that devises wicked plans”
   1. **Matthew 15:19** – We must make sure to keep our heart pure lest we allow ourselves to devise wicked plans.
   2. **1 Kings 21:1-16** – Naboth killed for his vineyard.
      1. Ahab wanted something that wasn’t his, and couldn’t get it through legal means.
      2. Jezebel devised a wicked plan, and got the vineyard for Ahab.
   3. **How else could this be described other than ABHORRENT?**
9. “Feet that are swift in running to evil”
   1. **1 John 2:15-17** – We are not to love the world.
      1. There are those who love the world.
      2. **They want to be involved in everything the world has to offer.**
      3. ***“whose god is their belly” (Philippians 3:19*** – those who are enemies of the cross of Christ).
   2. **1 Thessalonians 5:21-22** – We are to determine the nature of a thing, and abstain from it if it is evil.
   3. ***“Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22)****.*
10. “A false witness who speaks lies”
    1. Similar to ***“a lying tongue.”***
    2. ***“He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord” (Proverbs 17:15).***
    3. ***“A false witness shall perish, but the man who hears him will speak endlessly” (Proverbs 21:28).***
    4. *Lying is an abomination, but being a false witness is even more so against God’s nature.*
       1. God is just and fair.
       2. **A false witness seeks to reward the unjust, and punish the just.**
       3. **Matthew 26:59** – This is what men did to Jesus.
11. “One who sows discord among brethren”
    1. **John 17:20-21** – The very nature of God promotes unity.
       1. We as His children are called to unity.
       2. **To sow discord among brethren is to defy the very nature of God.**
    2. **Ephesians 4:1-3** – We are to put forth effort to remain unified!

**Conclusion**

1. If God hates something, we should hate it as well, and we should avoid it.
2. We do not want to be characterized as ***“a worthless person, a wicked man.”***
3. We must put forth all of our effort to avoid these abominations altogether.
   1. **We can also consider what God loves, and what we should be involved in if we look to the opposite of these things.**
   2. We need to continually examine ourselves to make sure we are acting as God requires.