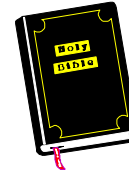


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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

When Love is Bad

Even though Jesus taught that love is the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:36-40), we are also warned that there are certain types of love that are unprofitable and evil. The following are examples of love that we should not have:

Love of money – “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Timothy 6:10 ASV).

Love of the world – “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

Love of prestige – “It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory” (Proverbs 25:27); “For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted” (Luke 14:11).

Love of idols – “Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you” (Deuteronomy 6:13, 14).

Excessive love of self – “For men shall be lovers of their own selves...” (2 Timothy 3:2); “And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again” (2 Corinthians 5:15); “...in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others” (Philipp. 2:3, 4).

Love of strife – “As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife” (Proverbs 26:21); “But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work” (James 3:14-16).

Love of sin – “That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (2 Thessalonians 2:12); “Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Romans 1:32).

- Jason Hilburn, Minister, Luverne church of Christ, Luverne Alabama

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TWO RICH MEN

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.” - 1 Corinthians 3:19

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Chris Kelleher**, Ed's younger brother, was diagnosed with multiple lesions of a very aggressive melanoma brain cancer. He underwent Gamma Knife surgery to cut back the growth and will likely be undergoing whole brain radiation treatment. Please remember him in your prayers.
- Also, remember **Jean Baker** as she mourns the passing of her husband.
- And, remember **Vernecia Matthews** in your prayers as she faces surgery.
- **William Stoyk, Michael's** father, is improved some, but still in LMC. Michael's mother had good news that her brain tumor has shrunk considerably. Remember these, and Michael and Megan and Rebecca, Michael's sister, in your prayers.
- Please remember **Helen Allen, Franks mother** who has a recurrence of cancer.
- **Marielyn Brooks** was able to attend the assembly last Sunday am.
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” - James 5:16

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Anne Louise Gordon** sent word to tell everyone hello and that she loves her brothers and sisters in Christ.
- **College age Bible study Thursday at 8 pm.**
- **Transportation** needed for sisters **Betty Mathis, Jean Boyd** and **Marilyn Brooks.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

11/8 Dole Tropical Fruit 11/2 Campbells Chunky Beef & Dumplings

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Matthew 18:20

Brother Manning sends word about the Gospel meeting he preached where his son Ryan is minister: “The Gospel meeting was great. The congregation is wonderful and they are taking good care of Ryan and Rebecca. The boys and I went around town each day and had several productive Bible studies. There were many visitors which showed the member's willingness to invite friends and family. Ryan was surprised. The attendance was doubled their normal attendance and on Tuesday the Fayetteville congregation brought a busload (40 people) so that the place was packed. I am leaving today with several who are close to being baptized that Ryan will continue studying with. It was very uplifting to all. See you soon.”

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WHEN HATE IS GOOD

We need to hate more. Does that disturb you? Do you think it's *wrong* for Christians ever to hate? Then carefully consider this lesson because hate is **essential** to our salvation! If we don't hate, as the Lord has told us, then verily it will be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for us to enter heaven. The Lord told us this through the apostle Jude:

“**And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.**” - Jude 1:22,23

I was burning leaves one time in the back yard. My son was riding his bicycle around, and as boys do, managed to fall into the fire. The next thing we both knew, he was flying through the air. Without thinking I had snatched him from the fire and stripped his burning coat off him. We must treat **sin** the same way. We must **hate** it and **abhor** it *so much* that without thinking we thrust it from us, or reach out to others to snatch them from it. We must be so aware, with every bit of our being, of the evil and deadly nature of sin that we reflexively react to save ourselves and others from it.

This is essential for our salvation! We **must** hate sin. We must abhor evil (Rom. 12:9) . We **must** because God hates sin. Jesus told us this:

“**But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.**” - Revelation 2:6

He didn't hate the Nicolaitans, but he **did hate** their sin! God can not have sin in his presence, and if we have sin He will not receive us. This is of such paramount importance, that Jesus had to **die** in order for us to be cleansed of our sins.

Sin necessitated Christ's cruel death on the cross. Can we then think so little of sin so as **not** to hate it? If we don't, then we'll find ourselves tolerating sin in our brothers and sisters—not **hating** the garment spotted by the flesh. And then, we'll find **ourselves** accepting sin in ourselves. And we'll die.

We must **know** that God hates sin so implacably—so we'll strive to keep sin out of our lives, and out of the lives of our brothers and sisters. That is why this hate is **essential**, for without it, we'll have a lackadaisical, not really important, tolerant attitude towards sin. We'll fool ourselves into thinking that God feels this way too. And this will kill us. We'll not work to pull our brothers and sisters from sin, as God has **commanded** us to do, and many in the church will die—if we don't **HATE SIN!!**

—Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

Our thanks to brother **Marshal** for preaching Sunday morning, **Joshua Manning** for preaching Sunday evening and **Don Klieves** for teaching the adult bible class Wed. night while **Jerry** was in Georgia preaching a Gospel meeting.