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Hatred can cause people to behave irrationally. The emotions caused by hatred can boil over and seize control of our brains. Hate often leads to strife in our homes and workplace. When hatred raises its ugly head, nip it in the bud. Don't tolerate hatred in your home or workplace. The Lord teaches us in His

Word that we should admonish them when they are doing wrong. Open your Bibles to Leviticus.

Leviticus 19:1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God AM Holy. [3] Ye shall <u>fear</u> every man his mother, and his father, and keep My sabbaths: I AM the Lord your God. [4] Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I AM the Lord your God.

The two supporting pillars of a civil society are revering your parents and worshiping the Lord.

Leviticus 19:5 And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the Lord, ye shall offer it at your own will. **[6]** It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire. **[7]** And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it *is* abominable; it shall not be accepted.

Some of the fat of the peace offerings was to be offered on the altar of burnt offering, and some portions, the wave breast for example, were given to the priest. The remaining portion of the peace offerings were prepared for the offeror and his guest to be eaten in a sacrificial meal. It was alright to eat the offering on the first and second day; however, they didn't have refrigeration

at the time. The offering was not to be eaten but burned after the second day, because the offering became spoiled.

Leviticus 19:8 Therefore *every one* that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the Lord: and that <u>soul</u> shall be cut off from among his people.[9] And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the <u>gleanings</u> of thy harvest. [10] And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and <u>stranger</u>: I AM the LORD your God.

The people of Israel were to be charitable. They were to leave some of the harvest for the less fortunate people.

Leviticus 19:11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. [12] And ye shall not swear by My name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I AM the Lord. [13] Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. [14] Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I AM the Lord.

God sees, hears and punishes those who curse the deaf or put a stumblingblock before the blind. The world would be a very nice place to live, if everyone followed these instructions. Unfortunately, they don't. I would hazard a guess that this is what it will be like in the eternity.

Leviticus 19:15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in <u>judgment</u>: thou shalt not <u>respect</u> the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but* in <u>righteousness</u> shalt thou judge thy neighbour. [16] Thou shalt not go up and down *as* a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I *AM* the Lord. [17] Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine <u>heart</u>: thou shalt in any wise <u>rebuke</u> thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

We should not hate one another. But if you care about someone, you should warn them to correct their ways or suffer the consequences. Hatred often causes problems. Turn with me to the Book of Proverbs.

Proverbs 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: But a foolish son *is* the <u>heaviness</u> of his mother.

A wise son makes his father proud. A father doesn't claim a foolish son, but he is the burden to his mother.

Proverbs 10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: But righteousness delivereth from death.[3] The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: But He casteth away the substance of the wicked.[4] He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

The wicked don't prosper. The Lord cast away their possessions. A slack hand is a lazy hand. God doesn't like lazy people. Work hard, and the Lord will bless you.

Proverbs 10:5 He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *But* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.[6] Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: But violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. [7] The memory of the just *is* blessed: But the name of the wicked shall rot.

We have a tendency to remember good people, after they pass away. Our memory of the wicked is generally short-lived.

Proverbs 10:8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: But a prating fool shall fall. [9] He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: But he that perverteth his ways shall be known. [10] He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: But a prating fool shall fall. [11] The mouth of a righteous *man is* a well of life: But violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. [12] Hatred stirreth up strifes: But love covereth all sins.

Don't put up with hatred in your home. Life is too short to live it filled with hatred. Order hate out of your home in the name of Jesus Christ. A home filled with love is much better than a home filled with hate. Turn to Chapter 15.

Proverbs 15:14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: But the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness. [15] All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: But he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast. [16] Better *is* little with the fear of the Lord Than great treasure and trouble therewith. [17] Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

It is better to have a meal of only vegetables where there is love than to eat corn-fed beef where there is hate. Now, I am a meat and potatoes man, if there ever was one. And I still say this verse is true. Don't put up with hate in your home. In the sermon on the mount, Jesus encourages us to love our enemies not hate them. Turn with me to Matthew.

Matthew 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: [39] But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Jesus is preparing the disciples to go unto the world and teach. If a teacher overloads someone's donkey, and the person reaches

out and slaps them, they should turn the other cheek. But if someone walks up to you and slaps you for no just cause, you should knock them on their "coon dog".

Matthew 5:40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also.

Oftentimes, it is better to settle disputes outside the judicial system. Attorneys are generally very wealthy people. They got that way from people who wind up in court.

Matthew 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. [42] Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Always be willing to do a little more than your part.

Matthew 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. [44] But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

You may skip "bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you", because you won't find those words in many manuscripts (See <u>Companion Bible</u>)

Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. [46] For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? [47] And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the publicans so?

Treat everyone with dignity and respect. Your enemies may become your friends, if you treat them well. A good neighbor is invaluable. We should get along with our neighbours, if it is possible. Unfortunately, there are some people you just can't get along with. Don't let those people abuse your good nature. As Christians, we should expect the world to hate us. Why? Because it hated Jesus. Turn with me to the Book of John.

John 15:1 I AM the true vine, and My Father is the <u>husbandman</u>. [2] Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Think spiritually. Are you producing fruit for the Lord? If not, Father will cut you off like a dead piece of wood. If so, He will prune you, so you can produce more fruit for Him.

John 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. [4] Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch

cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.

The only way you can produce spiritual fruit is with Jesus Christ. Don't go fishing without Him in your boat.

John 15:5 I AM the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing. [6] If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

The lake of fire might appropriately come to mind.

John 15:7 If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

If you need anything to produce more fruit, ask for it. It will be given to you. This ministry is a good example of this fact. If you are willing to do the work, the Lord will provide the bricks. Shepherd' Chapel began as a Wednesday night Bible study. It has grown into the largest independent ministry in the United States. Why? Because we asked.

John 15:8 Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. [9] As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love. [10] If ye keep My

commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.[11] These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

Don't overlook this verse. Jesus wants you to be happy. HE wants your joy to be full.

John 15:12 This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. [13] Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus considers you to be His friend. Jesus laid down His life for you. Don't forget to thank Him often.

John 15:14 Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. **[15]** Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.

Jesus said, "behold, I have foretold you all things" (Mark 13:23)

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.

If you need something to produce fruit, ask!

John 15:17 These things I command you, that ye love one another. [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.

We are not out to win popularity contest. We are out to produce as much fruit as we possibly can for the Lord. This world is going to hate you for that.

ALL Praise to our Father in heaven (Proverbs Chapter 2; Proverbs 3:5,6; 1 John 2:26,27; Hebrews 11:6) credits to "men" is not needed for all works of "men" our Father sees.