

PROVERBS: “Wise up!”
“Seven Things God Hates”
Proverbs 6:12-19

Living What I Am Learning

1. God is a God of love; He is also a righteous and holy God and He hates sin. Is there a problem distinguishing between this and His stated love for the sinner? How do you reconcile the conflicting emotions?
2. How does pride affect our relationship with God? I John 2:16 and 17 contrast prideful pursuits with our love for God. Do you see pride affecting your relationship with God? If so, how?
3. Lying is dismissed today as prudent and necessary. “White lies” are categorized as insignificant. How does God view dishonesty? How does that parallel His declaration that He is truth? How do we “tame” the tongue? Read James 3.
4. Injustice is a common theme today as we view the treatment of the weaker by the stronger in the political spectrum. James discusses the wealthy’s oppression of the poor. How should we respond to injustice around us? Describe a situation who viewed as unjust and how you responded.
5. Selfishness and rebellion are closely related. The passages of Romans 1:21-24 and 2:4,5 describe the results of both. How do you respond to the consequences described in these passages? How do we help our children see the consequences of sin?
6. “A false witness who pours out lies” is equated with hypocrisy? How so? What is the expectation of a witness? How does lying make his identity as a witness compromised, hypocritical? Is there any hypocrisy in your life as a witness to the truth of the gospel? How should you deal with it?
7. With the lengthy list of things God hates, divisiveness or dissension may seem the most innocuous. Yet, the call for unity on the body of Christ is heralded in the New Testament. “A man who sirs up dissension among his brothers” bears God’s anger and hatred. Why is unity so critical, and at what cost?