

HATE IS A GOOD THING!

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I can honestly and unequivocally say that there isn't a person on this planet that I hate. Many rub me the wrong way, but I usually write them off as mis-directed or uninformed!

I suppose there are a few folks that hate me. I get emails every time I write a commentary. Many call me hateful. But I really can't control the emotions of another person. As teenagers like to say--it's on them.

While running the risk of being "Coultered," I have to be faithful to what I know to be true. It is time to come clean. So, I'll admit it.

In our ongoing struggle with the PC crowd we usually find ourselves behind the eight ball because we continually allow them to frame the agenda. They have redefined the English language, and as a result, most mainstream Americans no longer know what is acceptable to say. Hate speech, hate crimes, and hatemonger are terms that have been created to silence the Truth. The enemies of God have succeeded in making hate an evil thing. It isn't.

You may think I'm nuts, that I am playing right into their hands, but I say hate is a good thing!

Hate---the emotion of hate; a feeling of dislike so strong that it demands action.

You see it is OK--even necessary--to hate THINGS.....but not PEOPLE. I wish more people hated some things.

What would America be like if more people were spurred into action because they hated:

- Porn
- Divorce
- Lies
- Dishonesty
- Adultery
- Broken homes
- Child abuse
- Lawbreaking
- Injustice
- Abortion

- Evil
- Thievery

Instead, we are taught to tolerate it, to accept it, and to even codify into law things that we should hate.

Perhaps I'm still not clear.

- I hate what homosexuality does to people. Not homosexuals.
- I hate what adultery does to families. Not the adulterer.
- I hate the fact porn destroys lives. Not those who look at it.
- I hate the lie that gays are born gay. Not those who believe the lie.
- I hate abortion for the destruction it brings. Not the woman who is victimized.
- I hate evolution-only education. Not those who teach it.
- I hate laws that keep people poor. Not poor people.
- I hate racism. Not those who practice it.
- I hate lies. Not those who tell/teach them.
- I hate suicide bombing. Not the bombers.
- I hate evil. Not those who practice it.

I say America needs more hate.

I saw a t-shirt the other day that read: Truth Is Hate To Those Who Hate Truth! "Have I now become your enemy by telling the truth?" Galatians 4:16

That's it, isn't it? Truth. No one wants to hear the Truth. Truth brings conviction. Conviction brings guilt. Guilt brings shame. Shame brings hatred. Truth is hate, to those who hate Truth.

I know it is hard to believe, but the God who IS love, also hates. That's right. God hates. In fact He goes further. He calls some things an abomination, which is a much more powerful type of hate. According to the dictionary abomination means "hate coupled with disgust," and abomination occurs 174 times in the Bible.

I know you want to argue. But the proof is in the pudding. Check it out for yourself. Here is a list of 45 things God hates.

(Based on Meredith's Book of Bible Lists)

1. Homosexual acts (Leviticus 18:22)
2. Bestiality (Leviticus 18:23)
3. Idols, and the materials used to make idols (Deuteronomy 7:25)
4. Blemished sacrifices (Deuteronomy 17:1)
5. Worshipping the sun, moon or stars (Deuteronomy 17:3-4)

6. Divination (Deuteronomy 18:10)
7. Astrology (Deuteronomy 18:10)
8. Enchanters (Deuteronomy 18:10)
9. Witches (Deuteronomy 18:10)
10. Charmers (Deuteronomy 18:11)
11. Wizards (Deuteronomy 18:11)
12. Necromancers (Deuteronomy 18:11)
13. Transvestitism (Deuteronomy 22:5)
14. The hire of a whore (Deuteronomy 23:18)
15. Remarriage to a former wife after she has been married to another man (Deut 24:4)
16. Dishonest scales (Deuteronomy 25:13-16)
17. Workers of iniquity (Psalm 5:5)
18. The wicked (Psalm 11:5)
19. Those who love violence (Psalm 11:5)
20. The perverse (Proverbs 3:32)
21. A proud look (Proverbs 6:16-17)
22. A lying tongue (Proverbs 6:17)
23. Hands that shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17)
24. A heart that devises wicked imaginations (Proverbs 6:18)
25. Feet that are swift in running to mischief (Proverbs 6:18)
26. A false witness who speaks lies (Proverbs 6:19)
27. Anyone who sows discord among brethren (Proverbs 6:19)
28. Lying lips (Proverbs 12:22)
29. The sacrifices of the wicked (Proverbs 15:8)
30. The ways of the wicked (Proverbs 15:9)
31. The thoughts of the wicked (Proverbs 15:26)
32. The proud in heart (Proverbs 16:5)
33. Those who justify the wicked (Proverbs 17:15)
34. Those who condemn the just (Proverbs 17:15)
35. Vain sacrifices (Isaiah 1:13)
36. Feasts as Israel celebrated them (Isaiah 1:14)
37. Robbery for burnt offering (Isaiah 61:8)
38. Idolatry (Jeremiah 44:2-4)
39. Evil plans against neighbors (Zechariah 8:17)
40. False oaths (Zechariah 8:17)
41. Esau (Malachi 1:1-3; Romans 9:13)
 [Actually, it's "Jacob **have I loved**, and Esau **have I hated**" - ed.]
42. Divorce (Malachi 2:14-16)
43. The deeds of the Nicolaitans (Revelation 2:6, 15)
44. "You shall not set up a sacred pillar, which the LORD your God hates" (Deuteronomy 16:22).
45. "I hate, I despise, **your** feast days" (Amos 5:21). This goes with Isaiah 1:14: "**Your** new moons and **your** appointed feasts My soul hates."

So where does that leave us? If hate is so evil, why does God tell us that “there is a time for hate’ (Ecclesiastes 3:8). “Hate what is evil, cling to what is good” (Romans 12:9)

Yes, folks, God hates. And His hatred forced Him into action. He hated sin so much that He willingly sacrificed His beloved Son to eliminate it. If God hated sin, shouldn't we?

Someone was once asked when all of the suicide bombing would stop in the Middle East. The response was chilling. “The bombing will stop when Muslim's love their children more than they hate the Jews.”

The problem in America is not hate. No, hate is a good thing. The problem in America is what we hate....and what we love.

So, let's ask ourselves a few hard questions.

- Do you love the pornographer more than you hate pornography?
- Do you love the woman getting the abortion more than you hate the abortion?
- Do you love the adulterer more than you hate adultery?

- Do you love the homosexual more than you hate homosexuality?
- Do you love the pedophile more than you hate pedophilia?
- Do you love the sinner more than you hate the sin?

Misapplied and misappropriated love is destroying America. "Have I now become your enemy by telling the truth?" Galatians 4:16

If we are ever to recover our moral equilibrium in America, then we are going to have to make the decision to love the things that God loves and hate the things that God hates. Because of the ongoing confusion in the Church, America loves the things that God hates.

I have a window sticker on the back of my car. “For God so loved the world, He did something!”

He hated sin....it spurred Him to action.....He gave his Son. I'm so glad He did.

John Lennon changed America with the mantra, “All you need is love.” He didn't know God, therefore, he was very wrong. America needs more hate.

Yes my friends. Hate is a good thing.

Eph 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. (NKJ)