

Opening: God gives us wisdom to help us overcome and avoid things that are evil. We will also learn how to overcome the spirit of adultery that is prevalent in our society today.

Key Verse: Colossians 3:22-24 Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

1. The 4 of 7 things that God hates and how to avoid them.

a. a heart that devises wicked schemes

- i. To the ringleader of organized crime, God says it is an abominable person, and God hates what they do. These people use devious schemes to overcome laws, righteous leadership and to allow corruption to prosper. A wicked scheme is misleading, deceptive, and full of lies to appear good but is meant for evil.
- ii. **Mark 13:4** "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" Jesus began by telling them, "See to it that no one deceives you.

b. feet that are quick to rush into evil

- i. **A person without sense riots in the streets and causes damage and loss to others to prove there point. Those who jump into the fray to prove a point are without good sense.**
- ii. **"You wanna be tough better do what you can so beat it, but you wanna be bad, just beat it"** Michael Jackson
- iii. Getting involved in public fights doesn't benefit anyone. Youth who try and be the tough guy at school are only causing harm.
 - 1. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." **Matthew 5:9**
 - iv. Never encourage or be part of a group of hazers, ganging up on a persona God says He hates that behavior and those who do so will have God to deal with.
 - v. Today we see so much fake anger, paid for by agitators, everything is done for a video clip or a picture, but in the end real people's lives suffer needlessly.
 - 1. Satan loves to stir up a frenzy, to divide people needlessly and to cause destruction. Each Christian must patient since it is the tendency of our emotional feet that want to rush into the offense of another.

c. A false witness who gives false testimony

- i. This is a person who lies concerning another person. They distort facts concerning another person. The other person is innocent, but this person wants vengeance or to gain the upper hand and they must lie to do it.
- ii. The motive of this person is always hidden, and they do not share their true intentions for lying. Our legal system is supposed to severely deal with those who lie under oath.
- iii. How do you know a society is going the wrong way? When a lie is exposed and yet no justice is done due to bribes. God will still bring justice but the society that operates that way will not be blessed by God.
- iv. **Proverbs 19:9** "A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will not escape,"

d. One who stirs up discord among brothers.

- i. **Discord defined:** In the Bible, discord means strife, contention, and a lack of harmony, especially among believers.
- ii. **The Bible uses the Hebrew word** medan meaning one who stirs up a contest, quarrel.
 - 1. Medan occurs when someone has a desire for a future that is not shared by someone else.
 - 2. Medan is the result of a usurper with an agenda.
 - 3. God hates the actions of one who stirs up a contest or quarrels intentionally to gain their own agenda.
 - 4. There is a conflict that is unavoidable and can be resolved through communication, then there is a conflict that is pursued for an agenda, the conflict doesn't end until the person pushing it is removed.
 - a. Sometimes you have to make a hard decision to remove yourself from the conflict.
- iii. Overcoming discord in your life is a choice. As much as it is with you, live at peace with all people. If you are experiencing conflict, today ask yourself the following questions honestly.
 - 1. Did I cause this conflict?

2. Did I inherit this conflict?
3. Was this conflict unavoidable?
4. Is this discord of human or demonic origin?
5. What do I need to do to end this conflict?
6. Do I have God's support in how I am handling this conflict?

2. Wisdom overcomes the age of Harlotry.

- a. In **Proverbs 7** God implores us to value his word as the highest standard in our life. Not just when we read it but by making it be a part of our life in every way.
- b. The Hebrew (ke·lev) is the same as a Dog and is used to describe a harlot **Deuteronomy 23:18**
- c. **The words of God's wisdom should be.**
 - i. Thought/ meditated about, set your mind to dwell upon the scriptures and the God of scripture.
 - ii. Read his words aloud, let them be your speech and they will bless.
 - iii. Shared with others
 - iv. Believed in your heart
 - v. Held as a treasure of immeasurable value.
- d. **Proverbs 7:4-5 (BSB)** 4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and call understanding your kinsman, 5 that they may keep you from the adulteress, from the stranger with seductive (flattering) words.
- e. Wisdom will be like your discerning sister to keep you from making a terrible decision in relationships.
- f. The promiscuous entice with the following deceptions.
 - i. They flatter you with words vs 5.
 - ii. The seek the naïve and simple vs 7.
 - iii. They make the night there time of attack vs 9.
 - iv. They have a heart of cunning to carry out their plans, they know what their real aim is vs 10.
 - v. They dress provocatively vs 10.
 - vi. They appear wild, free, and untamed, full of passion and life, but they are rebellious untamable vs 11.
 - vii. They may appear holy and use the right words of a believer but are only wearing a mask vs 14.
 - viii. They are carnal, fleshly and focus immediately on carnal passions eating forbidden romance vs 17.
 - ix. They break their covenants with their husbands and wives in secret vs 19.
 - x. They assure you no one will ever discover you in the trap they have set for you vs 19.
 - xi. They cast away sound reason and assure of no consequences for this grave sin. Vs 20
 - xii. They wear the simple and resistant down with constant enticements and persuasions vs 20
- g. The trap was always set by Satan himself using his vessel of choice to destroy the simple.
 - i. **Proverbs 7:22** Suddenly he follows her as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as one walks in ankle bracelets to the discipline of a fool, until an arrow pierces through his liver; As a bird hurries to the snare, So he does not know that it will cost him his life.
- h. **Many are the victims of the sexually promiscuous.**
 - i. A warning from God in wisdom is to guard your heart from the passionate enticements of the harlot spirit. It promises to thrill you but will only kill you.
 - ii. How? The weight of adultery is a very difficult one to overcome for many. After the stumble, a lifetime of grief, dishonor, shame, and remorse comes.
 - iii. The name of the adulterer is scarred and damaged.
 - iv. These weights and others make it very hard for the soul that commits these sins to follow Christ. This failure can lead a person to abandon God.
 1. **Key Point:** Like any forbidden pleasure, they have the ability to permanently entrap through addiction the one who commits them. This entrapment can make it hard for that person to enjoy the normal and good things of this life.
- i. If you have fallen into this trap, please know that it is not impossible for God to restore you back to himself. While actions have consequences, the mercy and grace of Jesus can restore any life no matter the sins done.

Conclusion: Wisdom allows us to see people for who they are even if they pretend to be someone else. Wisdom will allow you to fulfill God's purposes in your life no matter the obstacles that are sometimes arrayed against you. Use wisdom as your shield and be on guard from the work of your adversary.