

HOLY HATRED: ONE WHO SOWS DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN

*These six things the Lord hates,
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: ...And one who sows discord among brethren
(6:16, 19)*

What's wrong with sowing discord?

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. -John 17:21-23

- 1. It destroys the church's unity**
- 2. It destroys the church's joy**
- 3. It destroys the church's testimony**
- 4. It distracts God's people**

Why do people sow discord?

- 1. Pride**
- 2. Selfishness**

What is the most common way of sowing discord? Gossip

*A perverse man sows strife,
And a whisperer separates the best of friends. -Proverbs 16:28*

How can stay unified?

1. Adopt the mind of Christ

This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. -Titus 3:8

2. Avoid things that cause division

But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. -Titus 3:9

3. Avoid those who are divisive

Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. -Romans 16:17

Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned. -Titus 3:10