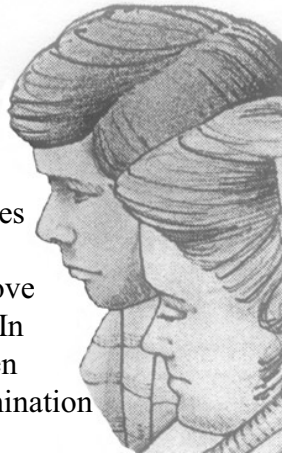


A Christian is Known by his Hate

Proverbs 6:12-19

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Our Lord said, “By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35). The world will know that you are a Christian by your love. It is also true that the world will know that you are a Christian by your hate. Everyone hates. It is a universal emotion. What a person hates reveals much about his character.

To avoid sinful hatred, we must hate what our God hates, exhibiting a righteous indignation which is pleasing to the Lord. “Ye that love the LORD, hate evil” (Psalm 97:10). Those who love the Lord need to hate whatever is contrary to God’s holy Person and will. A wicked person is described as one who “abhorreth not evil” (Psalm 36:4). God commands His children to “abhor that which is evil” (Rom. 12:9). The word “*abhor*” means to shrink back from something in horror, much like the reaction a person might have if he were to suddenly meet a rattlesnake on the path. Those who fear the LORD hate evil, pride, arrogancy, the evil way and the froward [perverse] mouth (Prov. 8:13).

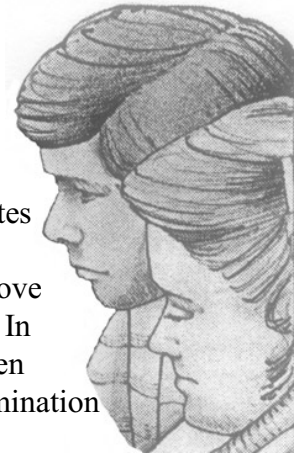
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