

EVIDENCES YOU HATE YOUR BROTHER
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The Bible predicts that as the day of our Lord approaches, there will be a great increase in hatred, not love, yet we are living in the care bear generation. We are asked to be loving and compassionate people. Liberals claim to be the ones full of love and compassion. But when someone gets elected they don't agree with the fangs come out. I remember when people said that the reason conservatives didn't fare so well was because of their intolerance and divisive and unloving spirit (They weren't for Homosexual marriage, against women's rights for abortion, and they were mean spirited because of their unconciliatory stands, intolerant, etc.) The recent election has contradicted all of this. The world is really redefining of the characteristics of love mentioned in I Cor. 13. According to the world this would be their definition of love:

Love doesn't correct anyone of their moral failures.

Love tolerates everything and everyone.

Love does not make anyone feel uncomfortable about themselves, no matter their sexual preferences or immoral life style.

Love never preaches absolute truth, especially about eternal retribution.

Love is Kind to everyone, except those who believe in absolutes or are conservatives.

The Bible predicts the following in the end times:

Matthew 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, **and shall hate one another.**

Matthew 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:12 **And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.**

Now the supreme command of our Lord to His disciples is to love each other with a fervent love..

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Now it is easy to say I LOVE YOU, but do you?

This morning I want to give some of the evidence that a person does not have love in their heart for their brother. It matters little what you say, but the following things cannot be true in your life if you have biblical love for your brother.

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Sin of talebearing reveals that you do not love your Brother in Christ..

Leviticus 19:16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD.

Talebearing and standing against the blood of your neighbour go hand in hand.

What this means to stand against the blood of your neighbor is to be a false witness to cause their harm. To do damage to them.

WORD MEANS: SCANDAL MONGER. Person travels about like a traveling merchant peddling his/her gossip and scandals.

In fact, the greek word for slander is the word diabolos. To slander someone is to go around telling stories about them without all the facts.

Ever notice how we are quick to surmise why people do things. Truth be told, when we don't know we are guessing. And we are bound to guess wrong unless they tell us themselves. So

when we guess and we share only our guesses, our wrong guesses become slander. Then, as we go about sharing these slanderous guesses we are in fact, spreading tales and we become a talebearer and are indeed ruining a persons reputation. We are doing exactly what is forbidden in the Bible.

WHY DO PEOPLE SPREAD STORIES ABOUT SOMEONE?

To stand against the blood of thy neighbour is to testify against another for self benefit, for selfish reasons, gain, money, your own pleasure, your relationship with another, etc. Sometimes people do it to build themselves up. In some sick way when we tear others down it makes us feel bigger.

Like these women mentioned in I Tim 5:13:

I Timothy 5:13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

Matthew Henry puts it this way:

We are all forbidden to do any thing injurious to our neighbour's good name (v. 16), either, 1. In common conversation: Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer. It is as bad an office as a man can put himself into to be the publisher of every man's faults, divulging what was secret, aggravating crimes, and making the worst of every thing that was amiss, with design to blast and ruin men's reputation, and to sow discord among neighbours. The word used for a tale-bearer signifies a pedlar, or petty chapman, the interlopers of trade; for tale-bearers pick up ill-natured stories at one house and utter them at another, and commonly barter slanders by way of exchange. See this sin condemned, Prov. 11:13; 20:19; Jer. 9:4, 5; Eze. 22:9. Or, 2, In witness-bearing: Neither shalt thou stand as a witness against the blood of thy neighbour, if his blood be innocent, nor join in confederacy with such bloody men as those described," Prov. 1:11, 12. The Jewish doctors put this further sense upon it: "Thou shalt not stand by and see thy brother in danger, but thou shalt come in to his relief and succour, though it be with the peril of thy own life or limb;" they add, "He that can by his testimony clear one that is accused is obliged by this law to do it;" see Prov. 24:11, 12.

There are a multitude of Scriptures that condemn this sin of talebearing.

Talebearing insinuates that you are going about telling stories about the faults of others. What good does this do but to produce hatred towards your brother. Others will disdain him in their hearts and people will look down at him.

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

Proverbs 17:9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

James 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

I Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

CONSIDER BIBLICAL TEACHING AGAINST TALEBEARING:

- 1. A Talebearer, instead of forgiving a fault and covering it as Proverbs says he should, he instead goes around tattling about his brothers sins and faults to bring reproach on him.**

Proverbs 11:13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

Note: Reputation is easily damaged. That which only a lifetime can build an hour may defame.

- 2. A Talebearer wounds others with his tongue.**

Proverbs 18:8 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

3. A Talebearer will use flatteries to get a person to reveal secrets to them.

Proverbs 20:19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

Such a person will butter up one person to get him off guard and make him think he is their friend.. Try to butter him up and make himself likable, and then he shares some tidbits and tales to discredit his brother in the eyes of the one whose ear he has gained with his flatteries!

- 4. A TALEBEARER LOVES TO STIR UP STRIFE**

Proverbs 26:20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

- 5. A TALEBEARER IS IN ESSENCE A MURDERER**

Proverbs 26:22 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

Proverbs 26:23 Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

Proverbs 26:24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

Proverbs 26:25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

Proverbs 26:26 Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.

Proverbs 26:27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

Proverbs 26:28 A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

- II. *When you refuse to follow the pattern of BIBLICAL RECONCILIATION (Matt. 18) this is proof you do not have biblical love:***

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It is amazing how much of the Old Testament is reiterated in the New Testament. The moral law has not changed at all under the New Covenant.

Matthew 18:15-17 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Luke 17:3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

There is a way to even rebuke an Elder.

I Timothy 5:1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;

After I got saved the Lord convicted me right away of taking his name in vain. Nothing makes me cringe more than when people use the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ in vain. We ought to hold our Lord's name in a place of sacred preeminence in our heart.

I remember one time my dad took the Lord's name in vain when I was working with him. I didn't rebuke him I just admonished him. I said, "Dad why do you say that?" He said, "What?" I said, "Why do you use the Lord's name in vain?" He looked at me and said, "Did I do that? I didn't even think about it." Amazing how the devil gets us using God's name in vain and we don't even know it.

I don't even like saying, "Oh jeez.", it is too close to Jesus. But we need to let people know this is not acceptable. Don't hate them in your heart rebuke them or admonish them.

People cannot take rebuke today! Today we like to say, "Amen Amen preacher" until the preacher touches on our sins.

I remember years ago when I first got saved. I went to BBC chapel and Tom Williams was speaking. He got preaching against long hair. In fact, not long before this I got my hair cut. Got one of those beatle haircuts which was short for me. What I didn't know was it was long according to Bible College standards. I remember a college student coming up to me after chapel and apologizing for Tom William's preaching. He didn't need to do that I wasn't offended. I just got a hair cut and didn't think my hair was long at all. And even if I had super long hair it doesn't matter it was what I needed to hear.

Psalms 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

TODAY WHEN PEOPLE ARE REBUKED THEY LEAVE THE CHURCH. YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE OFFENDED AT THE WORD OF GOD YOU DON'T GIVE THEM A SYMPATHETIC EAR. BY THE WAY, WHEN PEOPLE GOSSIP AND SLANDER SOMEONE AND YOU JUST LISTEN THEY WILL TAKE THAT AS IF YOU AGREE WITH THEM!

J.J. Gurney lived in the late 1700's and was a preacher and a Quaker in England .. in one of his writings he related this story:

.... as a child, (I) was often (in the) family circle:--One night—said he, “I remember it well--I received a severe lesson on the sin of evil speaking. Severe I thought it then, and my heart rose in childish anger against him who gave it; but I had not lived long enough in this world to know how much mischief a child's thoughtless talk may do, and how often it happens that great talkers run off from the straight line of truth. I was talking very fast about some female relative, who did not stand very high in my esteem, and was about to speak further of her failings of temper. In a few moments my eyes caught a look of such calm and steady displeasure, that I stopped short. There was no mistaking the meaning of that dark, speaking eye; it brought the colour to my face, and confusion and shame to my heart. I was silent for a few moments, when (My Dad) Joseph Gurney asked, very gravely, “Dost thou not know any good thing to tell us of her?” I did not answer. The question was more seriously asked, “Think; is there nothing good thou canst tell us of her?” “Oh yes, I know some good things, certainly, but--” “Would it not have been better, then, to relate these good things than to have told us that which must lower her in our esteem? Since there is good to relate, would it not be kinder to be silent on the evil? Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity, thou knowest.” (Great Thoughts.)

Note how as a young man J. J. Gurney learned by the rebuke of his father not to enter into the sin of Talebearing.

To stand passively and listen to gossip is to enter into it.

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Our problem these days is that not many enter into the exercise of rebuking others for their sin. Instead, we go around talking about them behind their backs.

What kind of family would we have if we could never correct our Children? THE PRODIGAL SON REPENTED BECAUSE HIS DAD TAUGHT HIM RIGHT AND WRONG!

If I love you I will preach on sin, in the camp. I will expose error, I will reveal secret faults: The one who rebukes according to Leviticus 19:17 is the one who truly loves. But today the one who enters into rebuke is considered the one who hates!

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True biblical love does not seek vengeance, or bear a grudge

When you bear a grudge this is evidence that you do not love your Brother.

Some people have vendettas they seek to get even!

When a person is in authority and they hate their brother they seek vengeance.

When a person is not in authority to do anything, and they bear a grudge against another, this is a form of vengeance.

Examples of bearing a grudge:

People refuse to talk.

People shirk one another.

People harbor bitter feelings.

Bearing a grudge is as much sin as murdering someone.

God has a method of solving this thing of grudge bearing, it is called seeking reconciliation:

Matt 18 gives the pattern, go talk it out, if you think someone has done you wrong go tell him his fault, go get it right! If he refuses to get it right, break off fellowship, but don't bear a grudge!!!!

II Thessalonians 3:14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

II Thessalonians 3:15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Conclusion:

It works just the opposite of what the world thinks in regards to true biblical love. If you love your brother you will not suffer sin upon him. When your brother sins, you will go tell him his fault between you and him alone in a spirit of love. This is biblical rebuke. You'll not do so in malice or anger or ill feeling. But according to Matt. 18, seeking reconciliation.

For instance: How often people have said that if a preacher preaches on hell he is a hate monger? The opposite is true. What kind of person would I or any preacher be to hold back and not warn about the dangers of going to such a place? So to keep silent to a brother about his faults is not love. In fact it is as if you are letting him go on to destruction with no concern at all for his soul. Is that the love of God?

When we go about as a talebearer we are in fact spreading hate not love.

The devil is called a slanderer. He is a murderer. Is a murderer of reputations any less a murderer than an actual murderer?

What are the three evidences that we hate our brother in our hearts according to Leviticus 19:16-18?

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