

# Be Careful

**Be careful little eyes what you see (Haughty Eyes)**

**Be careful little mouth what you say  
(Lying Tongue and a Life the pours our lies)**

**Be careful little hands what you do  
(Hands that Shed innocent blood)**

**Be careful little mind what you think  
(Desires that lead to wicked schemes)**

**Be careful little feet where you go  
(Feet that rush into evil)**



**Looking Down in Love?**

**There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.**

**Proverbs 6:16-19**



# Wrong Side Out

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**Malice**

**Premeditated Sin**

**Gossip**

**Lying Lips &**

**Deceptive Witness**

**Humility**

**Forgiveness**

**Predetermined**

**Obedience**

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**Truth & Honesty**

# The Descriptor Changed!

The first six actions says God HATES!

The seventh says God finds it DETESTABLE!

**Arousing or meriting intense dislike.**

**Worthy of or causing disgust**

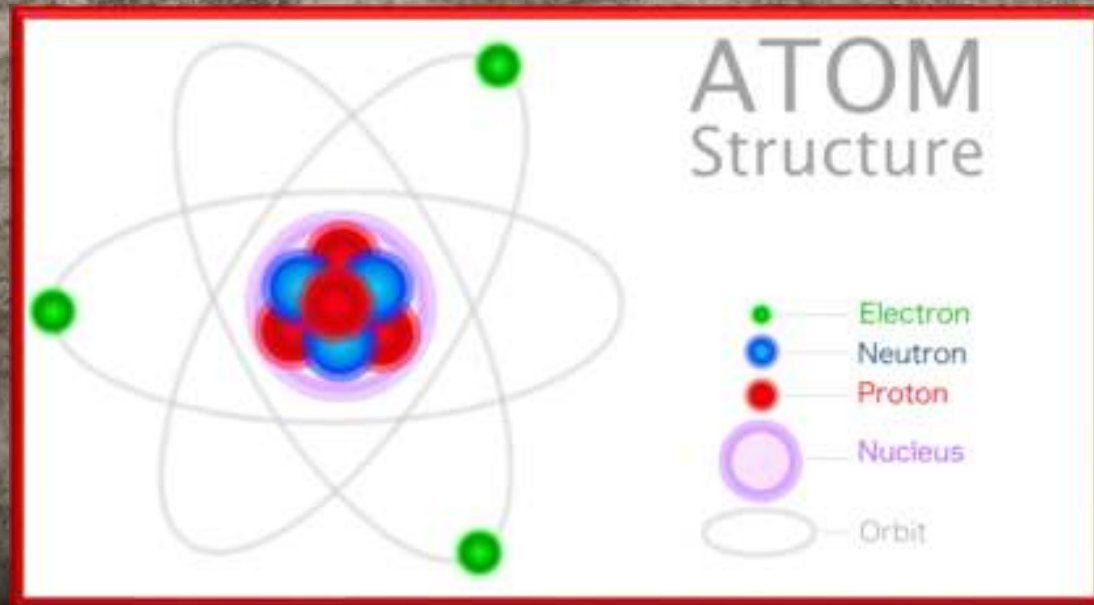
**Very bad or unpleasant**

## it Makes God SICK!

Does that mean the seventh is worse than the other six?

# Math Problem

Involving Addition and Subtracting



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**Unity**

# New Understanding

**The more items I add from the left and subtract from the right the more divisive the church becomes**

**But the more items I add from right and subtract from the left the more unified the church becomes**

**That is why God finds this last one so detestable because it is the product of all the others**

# Understanding Divisiveness

**A person who stirs up conflict in the community**

**In the body of believers there are no divisive issues just divisive people**

**Divisive is not the same as Disagreement (Philippians 4:2-3)**

**I plead with Euodia, and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.**



# Understanding Divisiveness

**Paul saw both as valuable contributors in the ministry**

**Notice he did not tell them they had to agree but instead have a mind of the Lord in their disagreement**

**Which means don't allow a difference of opinion to become divisive**

**There will always be disagreements in the church**

# Disagree vs Divisive

**Often our disagreements are good things because**

**They force us to listen to the other person and thus we grow as people**

**They stop us from making rushed and reactive decisions that would hurt the body**

**They require us to pray and study to seek God's guidance**

**They provide us new ideas that none of us ever thought of before.**

**Remember while  
disagreements are  
not divisive, all  
disagreements have  
the potential to  
become divisive**



# Being Divisive

**Stirring up conflict in the body**

**Constant conflict is the mark of a divisive person**

**Proverbs 6:14    Proverbs 10:12    Proverbs 15:18**

**Proverbs 28:25**

**Proverbs 29:22**

**Like disagreements conflict  
in the church is Unavoidable!**

# Conflict

**Left undealt with conflict will create divisiveness in the body**

**You should know that if there is conflict and there will be then at some point there must be confrontation**

**We define confront as a hostile or argumentative meeting or situation between opposing parties**

**This is a definition of confront, however, there is a more basic definition: to cause to meet, bring face-to-face or to meet face-to-face**

# Confrontation

**The idea of confrontation is not so we can argue or duke it out, we are seeking resolution**

**If you manage to find a way to deal with conflict that does not involve confrontation, then you are a better man than Jesus**

**Even when it was time for him to deal with the sin conflict, he came face to face**

# Conflict

## Not all conflict is equal

For Paul, in both situations revolved around actions that were detrimental to the body

When Solomon discusses the issues, he cites a much different source for conflict

In these issues the person is not seeking the health of the body, instead they are seeking gain for themselves or to call attention to themselves

# Dealing with Divisiveness

**But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.**

**Titus 3:9-11**



# Dealing with Divisiveness

**Paul starts by making sure you are again not just dealing with just opinions**

**He then makes a simple statement, DON'T ARGUE with them (Avoid)**

**He references foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law**

**He calls this kind of chatter unprofitable and useless**

**These are things we may disagree on but really it boils down to opinions**

# Dealing with Divisiveness

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**For individuals that will not move on its best to have them move on**

**That sounds so unloving but notice Paul says you should let them know this is not an issue we are going to battle about**

**When you tell once/twice you are not telling them off, you are approaching them in love**

# Dealing with Divisiveness

**You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.**

**(See the Math Problem?)**

**You need to know there is no solution for the conflict because they are not interested in resolution unless it results in total surrender**

**Reality they desire conflict even if it is divisive**