

A Heart the Plots Evil

Proverbs 6:16-19

Verse 16 places the greatest emphasis on the last sin.

Sowing discord in a family.

That is the sin that He hates most of all.

I. GOD HATES DISCORD AMONG THE FAMILY OF BELIEVERS

Psalm 133:1 NIV

A. The Psalmist would agree with the words,

“How detestable to God it is for believers to dwell together in discord.”

Paul urged the Roman believers.

Romans 14:19 NLT

B. Why are there contentions among Believers?

Proverbs 13:10 NLT

“How far will pride carry Christians in opposition to one another!

Even so far as to set Christ and His own apostles at variance and make them rivals and competitors.”

-Matthew Henry

II. PRIDE IS THE CAUSE OF DISCORD.

*“There is no fault which makes a man more unpopular,
and no fault which we are more unconscious of in ourselves.”* - C. S. Lewis

We are called to live as Christ did—with humility, not pride.

III. ONLY GOD CAN CHANGE THE SINFUL HEART!

Heb. 10:14-18; Psalms 51:10

The Hebrew word for 'Create' that David used was 'bara'.

It literally means, "*to take nothing and to make something*".

He takes the blackness and chaos of a sin-stained heart and
turns it into a wonderful, new creation. **Rom. 8:16**

Do you hear what God is saying to your heart?

If we are a child of God, our heart can be the source of many great things.

1) Compassion 2) Giving 3) Serving 4) Surrender

Or we can choose to allow deceitfully wicked things to dwell there and ferment.

IV. GOD'S METHOD OF CREATING A NEW HEART!

Make sure that the Holy Spirit is the focus of our heart. **Romans 1:21**

V. A DAILY CHECK-UP IS ESSENTIAL!

Every one of us needs a check-up!

Has your heart been attacked? **YES! EVERY DAY!**

Have you allowed your heart to harbor wicked schemes?

Have you allowed your heart to lead you to sin?

Proverbs 4:23