



“HATE WISELY” (PROVERBS 6:16-19)

HOMEWORK

Week Three



Please answer each question and bring your “answers” to your zoom meeting to discuss. Do your best! Ask the Holy Spirit to examine your heart and reveal truth. He’s great at doing that. May we have “ears to hear”!

1. When you first heard the expression “hands that shed innocent blood,” what did you think it meant?
2. Find a place in the Old Testament where the phrase is used and explain what it means in that particular context.
3. Why does God place so much value on human life? Do you? All life?
4. Read Matthew 5:20-22 and 1 John 3:15. Why do you think Jesus says anger and hate are like “murder”? Why do you think Jesus “extended” the meaning?

5. So ... have you ever allowed hate or anger to “take up residence” in your heart? What did it do to you? Did it help the situation? What were some of the consequences of allowing the anger to remain?

6. How can anger and hate destroy relationships, communities, churches, and families? Have you ever experienced that?

7. This question will take most of your homework time, I’m sure. But it will be worth it. Please read all 5 chapters in the book of 1 John. Contrast hate, sin, and darkness with love, life, and light. Write your thoughts. What did you learn about love? About hate? (Take your time.) What was your biggest “take away” from this book? What did the Holy Spirit show you about YOU personally?

8. What did you learn from this lesson? What is the most important moral and spiritual lesson you gained?

CHALLENGE QUESTION: “Shedding innocent blood” obviously refers to violence. Explain how the first three things on the “list” of what God hates are actual characteristics of Lucifer.

“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

Matthew 15:18-19