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**Notes To Seriously Think About**

**Proverbs 6:16-19 “These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:”**

1. ***A proud look***

“Haughty eyes” are eyes that are lifted up in arrogance. The position of the eyes describes the attitude of

the heart. The arrogant spirit may vaunt itself against any and all people, but fundamentally this reflects

haughtiness before God and refusal to reckon with the reality that one’s days are numbered and that we

are all creatures made by the creator and subject to the same human limitations.

**EVIDENCE / SYMPTOMS**:

* Eye rolling
* Evil looks /stares
* Poking lips
* Twisting the mouth
* Looking contemptuously or down on others
* Looking as if nothing meets “your” standards
1. ***A lying tongue***

A “lying tongue” is used for a person who has no regard for truth. To lie is to distort reality for

one’s own purposes and is proof of a refusal to submit to norms of right and wrong; by lying, one seeks

 to rearrange not just individual facts but one’s just place in the world and so avoid having to live by the

normal rules of life. Habitual lying thus leads to the psychological distortions described as

“psychopathic personality.”

**EVIDENCE / SYMPTOMS**:

* Lying to avoid accountability
* Lying to protect or boost image / reputation
* Lying to protect family name
* Lying for no reason / pleasure
* Lying to discredit others / harm others
* Lying to manipulate situations / control
1. ***Hands that shed innocent blood,***

The phrase “hands that shed innocent blood” describes the violent personality and as such is one who

would be prone to murder if circumstances were conducive. A lack of control over anger is implied, as is

a profound lack of regard for the value of human life. This is the personality that will beat or even kill

another person out of anger over a presumed insult. Ultimately, the thrill / pleasure of taking human life

is present meaning one does not need to have a reason for such cruel behavior, but merely an

opportunity.

**EVIDENCE / SYMPTOMS**:

* Drive-by shootings
* Mass Shootings
* Random shootings
* Snipers / Serial Killers
* Road-rage / Drunk Driving / Reckless Driving
* Mob action
* Physical attacks against humans / animals

**Proverbs 6:16-19, Pastor W. Charles Morrow, Notes To Seriously Think About, page 2.**

1. ***An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations***

The “heart that devises wicked schemes” is in today’s term a sociopathic personality. Such a person has

no regard for anything but that which might work to his or her advantage. Rules and values are used

when it is beneficial to do so, but they are disregarded when they are inconvenient. Such an one is

always looking for an edge over everyone else.

**EVIDENCE / SYMPTOMS**:

* Disregards all rules and regulations except for convenience or coercion.
* Makes excuses for violating laws.
* Always has a justification for being different from everyone else
* Stands on rules and bylaws only to disprove or defeat others
* Ignores rules and bylaws when they contradict one’s actions / behaviors
* Always thinking of ways to hurt, discredit, embarrass, or upstage others.
* Would rather rebel or run from a situation than to face truth and fix the problem
1. ***Feet that be swift in running to mischief***

“Feet that rush to do evil” demonstrate a terrible enthusiasm for opportunities to do wrong. Such an

 individual regards the occasion to sin, when it appears, as a stroke of good luck and a terrific chance to

 get away with breaking a rule and perhaps get something for nothing. But the benefit that may come is

 secondary; like the vandal who destroys property that he cannot steal, the real object is the simple joy of

 wrongdoing.

**EVIDENCE / SYMPTOMS**:

* Instigating arguments, fights, and other confusion and standing back to watch the results
* Pitting one person against another
* Spreading lies and gossip and pretending to be innocent
* Keeping conflict going instead of trying to end it
* Always having and verbalizing your opinion
* Being a busy-body in matters that are not one’s concern
* Always feeling the need to act like a victim
* Criticizing and being pessimistic (unless you are in control)
* Knowing something is volatile and doing nothing to prevent controversy or catastrophe

1. ***A false witness that speaketh lies***

The “false witness” seeks to subvert justice in the courts, or in any legal matter or official setting. This

person may purport to be law-abiding and honest, but will hide, bury, or disguise what is true and right

for some kind of gain. They may even act out of a false sense of loyalty or duty to family, a boss, or

some other person or group with whom they have strong ties. Regardless, God condemns this behavior.

**EVIDENCE / SYMPTOMS**:

* False testimonies ? Lying Under Oath
* Falsifying documents
* Forgery
* Bribery
* Blackmail / Extortion
* Impersonating
* Swindling others out of money, property, insurance proceedings, other benefits
* Character Assassinations
* Speaking / Writing / Cinematography or any other art form used to perpetrate lies and stereotypes

**Proverbs 6:16-19, Pastor W. Charles Morrow, Notes To Seriously Think About, page 3.**

1. ***He that soweth discord among brethren.***

One who stirs up dissension. A person who attempts to break apart the bonds that hold a society

together. This person is antisocial in that they break bonds of friendship, promote the decay of public

justice, and ultimately bring a community into chaos. What’s more alarming is that such person often

gets a strong sense of accomplishment and satisfaction from causing this kind of commotion.

**EVIDENCE / SYMPTOMS**:

* Instigating arguments, fights, and other confusion and standing back to watch the results
* Pitting one person against another
* Spreading lies and gossip and pretending to be innocent
* Inciting Riots / Mob action / Looting
* Gang Wars / Mafia
* Inflammatory Rhetoric
* Racial Superiority / Prejudice / Discrimination / Segregation
* Economic Discrimination / Depravation

**The Answer, The Remedy, The Solution, The Antidote.**

**--Acknowledge !**

**---Confess !!**

**----Repent !!!**

**-----Ask God for Salvation and Deliverance !!!!**

**------Submit to God’s Word !!!!!**