



Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 6 | Hate Well
Proverbs 6:16-19

Introduction

One of the most valuable things we can do for ourselves and for those we love, is take a stand against anything that's destructive, whether it's in our own life or in theirs. It's not loving to ignore what limits anyone's ability to maximize the one life God's given them to live. But, it's also true that dealing with these issues in our own lives and in the lives of others must be done wisely and with the right motivation and purpose in mind.

This week's sermon looks at the 6th principle given by Dr. Cloud in his book, "9 Things You Simply Must Do." The principle: *Hate the right things in the right way.*

Questions for Study

1. Have you ever had the experience of a good friend coming to you with a concern they had about something you were doing that they saw harmful to you and to others? How did they approach you about this? What was your response?
2. Have you had the same experience except you were the one who had the concern for a good friend? How did your conversation go with them.

It's interesting to see the difference in what we love and hate. For example, there are certain foods I love and other foods I wouldn't spend a dime on. The joke around the office is my dislike of Chipotle. I think I might be in the minority. Many of the staff love it. I love science fiction. Becky doesn't much care for any kind of fiction, but definitely doesn't have time for science fiction. 😊

3. It's one thing to love and hate certain kinds of food. What we love and hate is taken to a different level when it comes to moral issues that impact human lives.

Read Proverbs 6:16-19 and write down the seven things that God hates. (See if you can put one word for each of the last two on Solomon's list.)

4. What's your response to anything that's harmful to your child? How does this help explain the intensity of God's response to the things listed in Proverbs 6:16-19?
5. Write down how each one of these things sometimes done by people is destructive to themselves and to others.
6. Each of the above things are the right things to hate. But, now the question to answer is: How do we hate them in the right way? Read Galatians 6:1-5 and write down how these verses help answer this question.