

# “Proverbs 6:16-19—Part 9”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I completed a multiple-part series. The initial plan was a seven-part series. On Feb. 18, I announced the series expanding into eight parts, and on Feb. 25, I announced the series expanding into nine parts. Therefore, the title of the presentation last Wednesday was “Proverbs 6:16-19—Part 9.”

While Proverbs 6:16-19 mentions seven characteristics that the Lord “hates,” the plan was to mention both the negative characteristics (and the contrasting positive characteristics) in seven separate presentations.

What changed? I decided to spend extra time on the seventh characteristic that God hates—that being “sowing discord.” So I changed the plan to spend three studies on the seventh characteristic.

- In the Feb. 18 study, I focused solely on “sowing discord.”
- In the Feb. 25 study, I began a discussion on “sowing peace and unity”—talking about how the Father and Son sow peace and unity.
- In the March 4 study, I continued a discussion about “sowing peace and unity”—talking about how believers can sow peace and unity.

## **Right hand of fellowship**

- Galatians 2:6-13—Paul talked about how he and Barnabas had the “right hand of fellowship” with James, Peter and John.

In the presentation, I gave a brief example of words spoken about James, Peter, John, Barnabas and Paul.

## **What did James sow?**

- James 1:19—James taught friends to be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath.
- James 1:26—James taught that religious people often do not bridle their tongue.
- James 3:17—James reminded people that the wisdom from above was pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy, full of good fruit, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

■ James 3:18—James reminded people that the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

### **What did Peter sow?**

In 1 Peter 5:1-3, Peter gave the following good instruction.

- Do not serve by compulsion, but serve willingly.
- Do not serve for dishonest gain, but serve eagerly.
- Do not serve by lording it over people, but serve by being an example.
- 1 Peter 5:4—“When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.”

### **What did John sow?**

■ 3 John 9-12—John described the difference in the approaches of Diotrephes and Demetrius.

### **What did Barnabas sow?**

- Acts 4:36—Barnabas was called the “Son of Encouragement.”
- Acts 9:27—Barnabas was willing to introduce Saul (who had a bad reputation) to the apostles in Jerusalem.
- Acts 15:36-40—Paul and Barnabas had a disagreement that caused a separation in their preaching the gospel.

### **What did Paul sow?**

- 2 Corinthians 10:1-2—Paul sought to be meek and gentle, hoping that he would not need to be bold.
- Philemon 9—Paul appealed to Philemon with love for him to accept Onesimus.
- Philemon 17-18—Paul expressed his offer to pay Philemon what Onesimus owed him.
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-13—Paul pleaded with the brethren not to put an emphasis upon people.
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-8—Paul wanted to treat the brethren with maturity, but he admitted that he sometimes begrudgingly treated them like children.
- 1 Corinthians 5:1-5—When Paul wanted the brethren to remove someone from the congregation, there was a valid reason.
- 1 Corinthians 5:6-8—Paul sought to help them have sincerity and truth.
- 1 Corinthians 5:9-13—Paul warned the brethren.

- 1 Corinthians 8:11—Paul taught the brethren to help weak people.
- 1 Corinthians 10:32—Paul taught the brethren to seek to avoid offending brethren.
- 1 Corinthians 11:16-17—Paul did not praise the people when they were contentious.
- 1 Corinthians 11:18-19—Paul did acknowledge that bad behavior had one positive outcome—people could see the contrast between good and evil.
- 1 Corinthians 11:20-22—Paul corrected their poor behavior when they met together.
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-33—Paul reminded the people about the symbols of the broken bread and the wine.
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13—Paul reminded the people about the importance of love.