

# BENEVOLENT FAITH MINISTRIES



## **“ABIDING IN THE VINE” - BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS** **SESSION 1: “STUDIES IN PROVERBS - THE SEVEN ABOMINATIONS OF GOD”**

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:** Proverbs 6:16-19:

*“There are six things that the LORD hates,  
seven that are an abomination to him:  
<sup>17</sup> haughty eyes, a lying tongue,  
and hands that shed innocent blood,  
<sup>18</sup> a heart that devises wicked plans,  
feet that make haste to run to evil,  
<sup>19</sup> a false witness who breathes out lies,  
and one who sows discord among brothers.” (ESV)*

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**Discussion Question 1:** As you look over the passage, identify the seven abominations to God.

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**Discussion Question 2:** Discuss ways in which people champion the moral hideousness of the human heart and show the depravity of man? What do Isaiah 1:5-6 and Jeremiah 17:9 have to do with this?

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**Discussion Question 3:** Discuss ways in God has demonstrated His hate for sin. For reference, see:

- Genesis 6:5-7
- Philippians 2:8

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**Discussion Question 4:** How has God already made a way for us to live our lives without these offensive sins which He hates? How does Romans 8:37 relate?

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**Discussion Question 5:** As you look over the seven abominations to God, consider the three questions related to each.

- **a1. A Proud Look - "haughty eyes"**

- What does it mean?
- How do you see it manifested in the world today?
- What does the bible say about it (James 4:6)?

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- **b2. A Lying Tongue**

- What does it mean?
- How do you see it manifested in the world today?
- What does the bible say about it (Ephesians 4:25)?

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- **c3. Heartless Cruelty - "hands that shed innocent blood"**

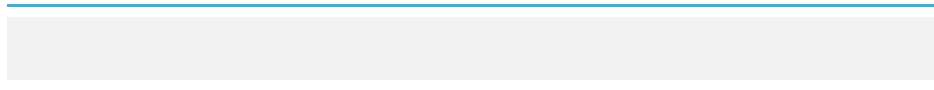
- What does it mean?
- How do you see it manifested in the world today?
- What does the bible say about it (Genesis 4:1-15)?

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- **d4. Vicious Scheming - "a heart that devises wicked schemes"**

- What does it mean?
  - How do you see it manifested in the world today?
  - What does the bible say about it (Matthew 15:18-19)?
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- **e5. Mischievous Eagerness - "feet that are quick to rush into evil"**

- What does it mean?
  - How do you see it manifested in the world today?
  - What does the bible say about it (Romans 10:15)?
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- **f6. Social Slander - "a false witness who pours out lies"**

- What does it mean?
  - How do you see it manifested in the world today?
  - What does the bible say about it (Ephesians 4:29 and 4:32)?
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**g7. Divisive Strife – “a man who stirs up dissension among brothers”**

- What does it mean?
- How do you see it manifested in the world today?
- What does the bible say about it (3 John 9)?

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**WHAT IS THE LESSON FOR US?**

- In the end, we must ask the question, **“How can we be released from these things which God hates and filled with those things which He loves?”**
- Please study the following verses this week on your own time this week, giving consideration to what OUR roles are as stated in these verses (because remember, we discussed the “humanity/God” relationship before):
  - 2 Corinthians 7:1
  - 1 John 1:7
  - 2 Corinthians 3:17

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