

TO KNOW, TO UNDERSTAND, AND TO APPLY IT ALL MATTERS!

Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.

Life's roads can lead to many destinations. Think of these roads as the decisions we make. Every decision carries an outcome, and like twins, no two outcomes are exactly the same. Life, nature, and all the elements of the earth are filled with mysteries. While humanity may discover many things, only God knows all things. Recognizing our limitations helps us see the greatness of God. No one can compare to the Lord, for He is great, powerful, and all-knowing.

The Book of Truth (the Bible) gives us the opportunity to learn about God. In it, we discover who He is and the plan He has for His creation, the human race. Every person is a spirit and possesses a soul. The message of the Gospel is about gathering God's human family under His wings and bringing people into the Kingdom of God so they may live and remain in a state of glory with Him.

Many people who have experienced death and then returned share similar accounts that are difficult to fully comprehend. They describe the vibrant colors of heaven, the beauty of worship, indescribable feelings of peace, and an overwhelming brightness of light. Their testimonies remind us that life on earth is very different from the reality of the heavenly realm.

Therefore, let us ask God for His wisdom and understanding as we live our lives on earth. Let us allow the Book of Truth to illuminate our path and guide us to safety. The Book of Proverbs helps us know God more deeply and teaches us how to live with wisdom and understanding.

Proverbs 6:1-23 NLT

1 **My child**, if you have put up security for a friend's debt or agreed to **guarantee the debt** of a stranger 2 **if you have** trapped yourself by your agreement and are caught by what you said 3 follow my advice and save yourself, for you have placed yourself at your friend's mercy. Now swallow your pride; go and beg to have your name erased. 4 Don't put it off; do it now! Don't rest until you do. 5 Save yourself like a gazelle escaping from a hunter, like a bird fleeing from a net.

6 Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! 7 Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, 8 they **labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter**. 9 But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up? 10 A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest 11 then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.

12 **What are worthless and wicked people like?** **They are constant liars**, 13 signaling their deceit with a wink of the eye, a nudge of the foot, or the wiggle of fingers. 14 Their perverted hearts plot evil, and they constantly stir up trouble. 15 But they will be destroyed suddenly, broken in an instant beyond all hope of healing.



16 There are **six things the Lord hates**— no, **seven things HE detests**: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, 18 a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, 19 a false witness who pours out lies, a **person who sows discord in a family**.

20 **My son**, obey your father's commands, and don't neglect your mother's instruction.

21 **Keep their words always in your heart**. Tie them around your neck. 22 When you walk, their counsel will lead you. When you sleep, they will protect you. When you wake up, they will advise you. 23 For their command is a lamp and their instruction a light; their corrective discipline is the way to life.



7 things GOD detests

Haughty eyes: Haughty eyes deals with pride and God hates pride. The eyes are the windows into pride. The phrase, "That person looks down on me!" That's the haughty eye and its full of pride. Pride is the original sin that goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden.

Lying Tongue: This is done by saying something untrue outright, or by fudging the truth. Sinful man classifies lies in different categories. Fabrications are things are entirely made-up. White lies are regarded as innocuous everyday lies people tell in order to be tactful or polite.

Hands that kill the innocent: Acts performed that lead to the termination of life.

Heart that plots evil: There is thought and time put into the plan. Couple that with wicked planning, and you have a plan that is morally wrong, intended to be or capable of being harmful and hurtful.

Feet that race to do wrong: To rush into evil is to demonstrate a great delight and enjoyment of evil and an eagerness to participate in it.

False witness who pours out lies: It is a person who deliberately gives false testimony. This deals with perjury. Proverbs writes about a false witness; the principle is so much deeper than the mere avoidance of lying. This is talking about making right confession. The word confession is a word that literally means to speak truth that is revealed by God.

Person who sows discord in a family: To sow discord is to say and do things which cause distrust among one another, which results in arguments and fights. Usually the 'Sower' is acting as if he or she is not trying to cause arguments. Sowing discord is something done in secret, done by deceit authored by the father of deceit.

Detest implies a more intense, often disgusted, and formal aversion, while hate is a broader, more emotional, and common term for strong dislike. Detest suggests "violent antipathy" and is used sparingly, whereas hate is frequently used for both serious dislike and casual, mild exasperation.

Key Differences:

- Intensity: Detest is generally considered stronger than hate, often implying disgust or a high level of disdain.
- Usage Frequency: Hate is used much more often in everyday conversation, while detest is used when one wants to emphasize extreme dislike or to sound more dramatic/formal.