GOD'S HATE LIST: #7

(Proverbs 6:16-19)

INTRODUCTION: (v19) "AND ONE WHO SOWS DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN"

- 1. "AND ONE WHO" you; me; individuals; it's personal; each one.
- 2. "SOWS" Takes the form of a farming analogy: one who plants or scatters seed.

 Used metaphorically to the acts of one's life: (Galatians 6:7-8).

There is a **positive "seed"** to sow:

- 1) God's word (Mark 4:14, Luke 8:11). 2. Righteousness (Proverbs 11:18).
- 3) Spiritual things (1 Cor. 9:11). 4. Financial giving (2 Cor. 9:6-8)

The negative "seed" in the text is "discord."

- 3. "DISCORD" (Proverbs 6:14, v19) the only two places the word is used in the Bible.
 - "Discord" brawling; contention; lack of harmony; enmity; not in accord; clash. (Genesis 45:24) "... see that you do not become troubled along the way ... "

The Bible exhorts us to "unity"

- (John 17:20-23; Acts 1:14 and 4:32; Romans 15:5-6; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Ephesians 4:3; Philippians 2:2)
- (Psalm 133:1) "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity ... "

The Bible lists many causes of "discord"

- (Proverbs 10:12) "Hatred stirs up strife" (16:28) "A perverse person sows strife ... "
 (22:10) "Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave ... "
 (26:20-21) "Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and, where there is no talebearer, strife ceases ... "
- (Romans 16:17) "note those who cause divisions and offenses"
- (James 4:1) "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasures that war in your members?"
- (3rd John v9) "Diotrephes, who loved to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us ..."

4. "AMONG BRETHREN"

- "Brethren" brotherhood; family status; fellowship; togetherness; in concert. (Matthew 23:8-10) "... and you are all brethren ..."
- (1 Peter 3:8) "Finally, all of you be of one mind ... love as brothers ... "
- (Genesis 13:8) "Abram says to Lot, Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren."