

"Have You Ever *HATED* Anyone?" – 1 John 2:7-11

Bad things happen to good people Painful things, unfair things. The KEY is to decide if we will allow GOD to use these things for His Purposes, or will we allow them ruin our lives?

v.7-8 - Old commandment/new commandment – pay attention!

1. _____ in GOD's Kingdom is based on _____.
 - A. Relationships are based on _____.
 - B. Trust is built on _____. (knowing someone has your best interests) **1 John 4:7-8**
 - C. AS Children of GOD, darkness is _____ in our lives, and HIS Light is _____ brighter, as we become more like HIM.
1:5 - in HIM there is NO darkness at all

v.9 "IF anyone says ... and HATES his brother ... he is in _____."

2. Hatred is a natural response to _____ and (PROMISE) you will _____ mistreated. **ex. - Joseph, David, Daniel, Naomi**
3. GOD _____ hard things to come into our lives in order to make us like _____, and to _____ us to love.

Matthew 5:43-48

1 John 4:12, 17, "perfected" – process of completion

4. How would you know if you actually HATE someone now?
 - A. Have _____
 - B. _____?
 - C. _____ someone?
 - D. They dominate your _____?
 - E. Think thoughts of _____?

5. Some of the most devastating wounds come from people _____
_____. **"his BROTHER" Ps. 55:12-14 – David, JESUS**

6. The Downward steps to Hatred are:

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| A. | B. | Prov. 22:24-25 |
| C. | D. | Heb. 12:14-15 |
| E. | F. | |

7. V.11 – Hate your brother? THEN, these things are true:

- A. You are _____ (Satan's realm)
- B. You are _____ in Darkness (your daily life)
- C. You do not know _____ you are _____ because Darkness has blinded your eyes. (a dark cloud obscures everything)

8. **V.10 - Commitment to NOT "STUMBLE"** & STEPS to Freedom:

- A. _____ the Holy Spirit's voice that you are wounded.
- B. _____ your anger and hatred to Him as a sin.
- C. _____ God's Command to forgive and release you enemy.

Mt.6:14-15

- D. Forgive by _____. (for your benefit, not theirs)
- E. _____ to forgive everyone, and learn to do it _____.

Eph. 4:25-32

- F. Keep restating your forgiveness, and pray for your enemy's blessing until _____. (10 X's a day if necessary) **Mt. 5:44**