

What Makes God Mad
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What Makes God Happy (Colossians 1:9-12)

1. To SERVE God
2. To KNOW God
3. To be STRENGTHENED by God
4. To THANK God

... and what doesn't...

¹⁶ There are **six things** which the Lord hates,
Yes, **seven** which are an abomination to Him:

¹⁷ Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
And hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that run rapidly to evil,

¹⁹ A false witness who utters lies,

And one who spreads strife among brothers. Proverbs 6:16-19 (NASB)

...a **troublemaker** in the **family**. (MSG)

... a **person who stirs up conflict** in the **community**. (NIV)

... And **one who spreads discord** among **brothers**. (AMP)

Definition of **discord**

1a: lack of agreement or harmony (as between persons, things, or ideas)

1b: active quarreling or conflict resulting from discord among persons or factions : STRIFE

2 in music

a: combination of musical sounds that strikes the ear harshly

b: a harsh or unpleasant sound

Why Is THIS So Troubling to God?

1. The **EFFECTIVENESS** of the **CHURCH** is diminished.

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.

Mark 9:50 (NIV)

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and

it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16 (NASB)

2. What God **PUT TOGETHER**, we **TAKE APART**.

³ Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Matthew 19:3-6 (NIV)

"If two spouses each say, 'I'm going to treat my self-centeredness as the main problem in the marriage,' you have the prospect of a truly great marriage."

--Timothy Keller, The Meaning of Marriage

How Do We Prevent It?

3. We **CHOOSE** to be **UNOFFENDABLE**.

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to *mutual edification*. Romans 14:19 (NIV)

Make every effort to keep *the unity of the Spirit* through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from *your desires* that battle within you? James 4:1 (NIV)

Don't have anything to do with **foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels**. ²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. ²⁵ Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and that they will *come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil*, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:23-26 (NIV)

If it is possible, **as far as it depends on you**, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:18 (NIV)

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