

GUARD YOUR HEART – HATE

1 JOHN 2:9-11 | ERIC SIMPSON | AUGUST 30, 2020

Proverbs 4:23

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

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⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

miseó (mis-eh'-o) = hate, detest, to be without love

responding and reacting to people who hold a different view, belief, opinion.

How?

Matthew 5:43-44

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

John 15:17-18

¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other. ¹⁸ If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

"...to love those whom you have very reason to hate and to hurt—personal reasons, visceral reasons, historical reasons, doctrinal reasons, deep-rooted and long-standing reasons—that takes the Son of God within you."

– Mark Buchanan

Invoke love and banish hate, in every domain you have influence over.