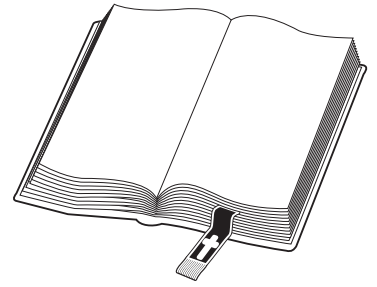


Love for Truth, Hate for Evil

“Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.”

Psalm 119:104



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Beloved, it has been my experience that as I daily read my Bible and see the love of Jesus who was willing to die for a sinner like me, the more I love truth and hate evil. The love of Jesus draws me closer to Himself every day. Proverbs 3:5-7 reads, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil.”*

Beloved, we cannot trust anyone we do not know, and the only way to get to know someone is to spend time with him. Parents, pastors, Bible teachers, and authors can tell us a lot of facts about Jesus. They can share their personal testimony and the Lord’s faithfulness in their lives; however, we need our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We need to know and trust Him for ourselves, and the only way that that will happen is if we daily spend time with Him. Again, it has been my experience that the more I know the Lord, the more I love and trust Him; and the more I love and trust Him, the quicker I am to obey Him. Psalm 119:11 reads, *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”*

Daily I read my Bible and fill my heart with God’s truths. Then when Satan tempts me, the Holy Spirit reminds me of these scriptures, and my love for truth helps me hate evil and resist temptation. John 14:6 reads, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* For salvation and every situation in life, Jesus is the way, the

only way. Jesus is the truth, the only truth! Jesus is the life, the only life! I have no life apart from Jesus. Before I became a believer, I merely existed. True life for me came when I accepted Christ as my Savior and surrendered my life to Him.

I love Jesus. I do not want to sin against Him. I do not want to do anything that will bring shame to His name. Psalm 97:10 reads, *“You who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.”* Beloved, the more I know Jesus, the more I love Him; and the more I love Him, the more I hate evil. It is easy to say we love Jesus; however, the evidence in our lives will prove or disprove our words. If we truly love the Lord, we will hate evil in our lives, and we will run from sin. When we give in to temptation, love for Jesus and hate for evil will cause us to be quick to repent. No excuses, no blame shifting, but calling sin sin and accepting forgiveness.

Beloved, is the Holy Spirit convicting you of sin? Remember, it is Jesus’ love for us that keeps drawing us back to Him, and that is the only place to find true peace and joy through a clear conscience.

— Janice McBride

All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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