If We Love Good And Hate Evil

I. Introduction:

A. During the days of Micah the prophet, the leaders of Israel hated the good, but loved evil (**Micah 3:1-2**).

1. Think about **Isaiah 5:20**

2. Think about **Malachi 2:17**

3. Think about **Luke 16:15**

B. We need to think about the ways of the Lord (**Hosea 14:9**).

1. How does HE view evil (**Psalms 11:1-7**)?

2. Upon conversion, shouldn't our point of view have changed (**Ephesians 4:17-23**)?

II. Body: Think About How Loving Good and Hating Evil Equips Us For Faithfulness To God (**Psalms 97:10**).

A. If we hated those things listed in **I Corinthians 6:9-11**, what would that do to someone's temptation on any of those sins?

1. If the saints in Corinth hated the unrighteous [unjust], how would that have changed the problem in **I Corinthians 6:1-8**?

2. If fornication was hated, how would **I Corinthians 6:13-7:40** been different?

3. If idolatry was hated, would **I Corinthians 10:14** and **I Corinthians 12:2** have had to have been written?

4. If adultery was hated, a son would not have taken his father's wife (**I Corinthians 5:1**).

5. If **I Corinthians 16:13** were followed, and people hated being "soft", men would not have had to have been told to not be effeminate.

6. In addition to the point above, if homosexuality was hated as unnatural (**Romans 1:26-27**); men would not have been told not to be abusers of themselves with mankind.

7. The same logic [hating evil], would have removed the need to teach against being thieves, covetous, etc. (**Psalms 101:3**, **Psalms 119:104**, **Amos 5:15**, and **Hebrews 1:8-9**).

B. Consider something about our God and the application made from that: **I John 1:5-6**

1. He has no pleasure in wickedness (**Psalms 5:4-5**).

2. So, how could we (**II Corinthians 6:14-7:1**)?

C. Consider some things about dissimulation [hypocrisy] (**Romans 12:9**).

1. "Religious" hypocrites (**Matthew 23:1-33**).

2. Consider: **Matthew 12:33-34** and **Revelation 3:15-19**

III. Conclusion: **Colossians 3:1-10**

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