

## Proverbs 29:27

### I. Introduction:

A. There are attributes we are to have as Christians such as being kind, meek, merciful, etc. (**Colossians 3:12**).

1. We are taught of God to use our liberties in a manner in which we do not offend others in areas of authorized liberties (**I Corinthians 10:23-33**).

2. Throughout the Scriptures God's people are told to "love thy neighbour" (**Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 19:19, Matthew 22:34-40, Romans 13:9-10, Galatians 5:14, and James 2:8**).

3. Even beyond that, Jesus taught to love thine enemy (**Luke 6:27-28**).

B. What if we become so nice and non-offensive that we inadvertently stop living godly in front of the world? To the point wherein the world thinks their ungodliness is acceptable because we are too nice to offend (**Jeremiah 23:14 and Ezekiel 13:16-23**)?

1. What about our roles in this world as being sources of truth, light (**Matthew 5:14-16, Ephesians 4:25, Ephesians 5:8-11, and Philippians 2:14-16**)?

2. Remember, Jesus was the light of the world (**John 9:5**) and that demanded something of those who followed Him (**John 8:12**).

II. Body: *"An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked"* (**Proverbs 29:27**).

A. Let's start by talking about how the world looked at Jesus (**John 15:18-19**).

1. Why, (**John 3:19-21 and John 7:7**)?

2. Jesus was a stumbling block, offensive (**Romans 9:33 and I Peter 2:5-8; cf. Acts 4:10-12**).

3. Think about how non-politically correct He was (**Matthew 15:21-28, Luke 11:37-41, and John 4:3-26**).

4. He was not honored in his own country (**Matthew 13:53-58**).

B. What Jesus said about how the faithful would be treated (**Matthew 5:10-12**).

1. Blessed when hated (**Luke 6:22-23**).

2. Woe unto you when all speak well of you (**Luke 6:26**).

3. Sometimes the faithful are looked at as trouble makers (**Acts 17:1-6**).

4. As you study through the New Testament the mistreatment of the saints is obvious (**Acts 6:8-14; Acts 7:51-60, Romans 3:8, I Thessalonians 3:1-5, I Peter 3:16-17, I John 3:13, etc.**).

C. The faithful cannot really hide disgust (**Mark 3:1-6 and John 2:13-17**).

1. Think about what happens when a godly person is filled with the word of God (**Jeremiah 6:11 and Jeremiah 15:16-17; cf. Acts 18:5-6**).

2. Think about having a godly hatred (**Psalms 97:10; 119:104; 119:128; 119:163, Amos 5:15, Romans 12:9, and I Peter 3:10-11**).

3. Even among brethren, sometimes foolishness needs called out (**Galatians 3:1-5**).

D. Balance has to be achieved in this! Think about Jesus (**Romans 5:6-10** and **Hebrews 1:8-9**).

1. The love of souls requires balanced care and clarity (**I Thessalonians 2:1-13**).

2. That clarity has to be uncompromising (**II Corinthians 12:15; 13:1-2**).

III. Conclusion: How can we bear them that are evil (**Revelation 2:2**; cf. **Psalms 101:3** and **Psalms 139:19-22**)?