

Remember This - Man Became A Living Soul

I. Introduction:

A. There are ways to stir up anger and strife (**Proverbs 10:12, Proverbs 15:1, Proverbs 15:18, Proverbs 28:25, and Proverbs 29:22**).

1. If people become angry, don't count on them to be wise (**Ecclesiastes 7:9**).

2. Strife can become like a flood (**Proverbs 17:14**).

B. There are people that have impure motives to stir up divisions (**Acts 13:50-14:2**).

1. These types can cause a huge disturbance (**Acts 17:1-5**).

2. Some know just how to manipulate the people (**Mark 15:6-13**).

3. It is not always apparent (**Proverbs 26:23-26**).

II. Body: As The World We Live In Works Hard To Get Us To Carnally Hate Other People, Remember To Think Beyond The Flesh (**Genesis 2:7**).

A. When we think of other people as living souls we should be reminded of the eternal nature of life (**I Corinthians 15:42-45**).

1. There is a difference between the flesh and soul (**Matthew 10:28**).

2. It is not the flesh under consideration in salvation, but the soul (**James 1:21; 5:20 and I Peter 1:9**).

B. Thinking about all people as God's creation (**James 3:8-10**).

1. God created man in His likeness (**Genesis 5:1**).

2. He is the Father of all (**Malachi 2:10 and I Corinthians 8:6**).

3. We are told not to curse [doom] even those that might persecute us (**Romans 12:14; 12:17-21**).

a. We are not ignorant to the fact that the Lord's word dooms (i.e. **Matthew 25:41; cf. John 12:48**).

b. That is why we try to help the damned to be converted (**Acts 3:19**).

c. We, ourselves apart from God's word, have no business taking the role of the judge against anyone (**James 4:12**).

4. Looking at the soul, we ought to be merciful (**Luke 6:36**) especially if you are looking for mercy from the Lord (**James 2:13**).

5. Didn't Jesus die for all to be able to be saved (**I John 2:1-2; 4:14**)?

C. Some applications to think about... There are common reports in our multi-media world that would draw us to be angry and that could lead to carnal hatred. Certainly, the world [the people] is not good (**I John 5:19**), but allowing anger and strife to be our glasses (so to speak) doesn't help anyone.

1. What happens to racism when we look beyond the flesh (**Acts 17:24-28 and James 2:8-9**)? *Especially among brethren (**Galatians 3:26-29**).

2. While I am not implying the justification of breaking laws (**Romans 13:1-7**), how do we look at “illegal immigrants” when we consider them as lost souls (**I Timothy 2:1-6**)?
3. We know the leaders of this world will often be the enemies of righteousness (**Ephesians 6:10-12**). But, what happens when we consider their souls (**Acts 26:24-29**)?
4. No matter how dark the world gets, what are we supposed to be (**Matthew 5:14-16** and **Philippians 2:14-16**)?

III. Conclusion: Remember, God formed the spirit within man (**Zechariah 12:1**). Eternal life is in the balance (**John 5:28-29**). Think beyond the flesh.