

# HOLD TIGHTLY TO WHAT IS GOOD!

## ROMANS 12

As we grow in following Jesus, our desires will become more like His. Through His Spirit, Jesus empowers us to back away from the things He hates and hold tightly to the things that He loves. We get to love what He loves, and hate what He hates! Below is a list of Bible references to help us understand this concept:

### GOOD LOVES

- His People (Psalm 149:4)
- The World (John 3:16)
- A Cheerful Giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- Justice (Psalm 37:28, Jeremiah 9:24)
- The Righteous (Psalm 146:8)
- People who follow Him (John 16:27)
- Non-Christians (Romans 5:8)
- Those who love and obey Him (John 14:21)
- Those who fear Him (Psalm 103:11)
- The Church (Ephesians 5:25-26)
- Humility (Psalm 149:4)
- Those who tell the truth (Proverbs 12:22)
- Those who put their hope in his love (Psalm 147:11)
- Working fairly with others (Proverbs 11:1)
- Integrity (Proverbs 11:20)
- Righteousness (Jeremiah 9:24)
- His Son, Jesus (Isaiah 42:1)
- Lovingkindness (Jeremiah 9:24)

### GOOD HATES

- Evil against one another (Zechariah 8:17)
- Pride (Proverbs 6:16-19)
- Lying / Lies (Proverbs 6:17&19, Proverbs 12:22)
- Murder (Proverbs 6:17)
- An evil / crooked heart (Proverbs 6:18, Proverb 11:20)
- Wrongdoing (Proverbs 6:16-19)
- Disunity (Proverbs 19)
- Working unfairly with others (Proverbs 11:1)
- Injustice (Proverb 17:15)
- Stealing (Isaiah 61:8)
- Dishonesty (Isaiah 61:8)

### BONUS QUESTIONS

- **WHY does God love those things?**
  - Because God LOVES everything that reveals what He is like to His children and brings them closer to Him.
- **WHY does God hate those things?**
  - Because God LOVES His children, and HATES what sin does to them!
- **How do we know what things God LOVES and HATES?**
  - If we are ever wondering what God thinks about something we can always go to Him and His word to show us.

