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Prv. 6:16-19, “There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.”

This passage is most famously known as “The Seven Things God Hates.” This might sound unusual for the LORD since He is a God of love. But, there are certainly things that the LORD hates because they draw people away from Him instead of to Him.

I would like to take a few days to look at each of these things and see why they are detestable to Him. The first is haughty or proud eyes. The Hebrew word is **ramovt** which means *becoming proud, lifting oneself up or taking on praise*. Certainly, one of the reasons the LORD must hate proud eyes is that it draws us to self instead of to Him. If you read **Isa. 14:12-17**, you will see what this did to one of the arch angels, Lucifer. It is also the ultimately source of our selfish nature; believing we don’t need God to accomplish our desires. **Prov. 16:18, “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”**

What is interesting is that every one of these things that God hates were found in the evil one and it is the areas of temptation he uses to entice people away from the LORD. Pride causes us to say, “*I don’t need help. I can do this on my own.*” When we do that, I believe the LORD allows us to try and to fail. Instead of pride, the LORD blesses the humble heart. This is the heart that looks to Him for help, for hope and for direction.

Dear LORD, help us to not be filled with pride, which is not of You. Instead, allow humility to grow in our spirit and help us to look to You for everything that we need. In Jesus Name, Amen.