

# The Struggles that Surround us - 1

*This is totally your study. Nobody will be instructing you and nobody will be grading you. It will just be you, your Bible, these lessons, your own paper, and of course, the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you.*

<b>STRUGGLE</b>	<b>Hateful People</b>
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There may be four types of hateful people:

1. Ones who criticize you
2. Ones who find fault out of jealousy
3. Ones who make you look bad in public
4. Ones who bring you down to prevent you from enjoying any success

**How** do we keep from being a hateful person? (1 Peter 2:1-2)

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It looks like a choice.

**What** is the opposite of being hateful? (Proverbs 14:30)

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**What** kind of qualities does a hateful person have?

(Ephesians 4:31) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Romans 1:29) \_\_\_\_\_

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**What** could help a hateful person? (Galatians 5:25-26)

Yikes!! It looks like a Christian could be a hateful person. Paul was writing to believers in the Region of Galatia. I think I have some of those bad qualities.

**What** about you? Are there struggles in your life in these areas? Comment.

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**What** do hateful people sometimes do?

(Proverbs 26:24-26) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Psalm 41:6) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Psalm 12:2) \_\_\_\_\_

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Talking about hateful people is hard for me. I sometimes say hurtful things to people; I sometimes want to be the center of attraction no matter who it hurts; I am bitter sometimes; I constantly complain about what I don't have & then I bad-mouth the people who have what I don't; I don't thank God for anything sometimes.

I'm embarrassed. I am choosing to be hateful because I have problems. It must be the other guy's fault.

**What** is the reason some people hate? (Psalm 38:19 & 69:4)

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**When** hating doesn't always work, what does a hateful person resort to:

(Proverbs 11:9) \_\_\_\_\_

(Proverbs 16:28) \_\_\_\_\_

(Psalm 109:2) \_\_\_\_\_

(Proverbs 10:18) \_\_\_\_\_

**What** should we do with these types of people?

(Proverbs 24:1) \_\_\_\_\_

(Proverbs 23:17) \_\_\_\_\_

(Psalm 37:7) \_\_\_\_\_

Don't get too cocky here. Look in the mirror. You and I might need to examine which one we are.

**What** qualities must we focus on in our own lives. Notice, the question is not about the other guy (that nasty guy).

(Proverbs 19:11) \_\_\_\_\_

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(1 Peter 3:16) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Ephesians 4:32) \_\_\_\_\_

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(1 Peter 3:9) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Romans 12:14) \_\_\_\_\_

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Check out these phrases in the verses:

“Having good sense”; “Slow to anger”; “Overlook an offense”; “Be kind to one another”; “Having a good conscience”; “Do not repay evil for evil”; “Bless those who persecute you”.

Pick a few and discuss how you struggle with these yourself.

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