

Recognizing Red Flags

Prov 6:16-19

These six things the Lord hates, indeed, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look [the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others], a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath], and he who sows discord among his brethren. AMP

Whenever we see any of these characteristics in a person, we ought to have red flags going up everywhere. This is not the kind of person we should count among our intimate circle of friends. Again, this does not mean we should deem such a person insignificant to us or to God; it does mean, however, that we should never give him or her a position of influence in our lives.

Of course, men or women who exhibit the traits described in this passage still matter to God. We should use every opportunity we have to touch their lives in a positive way; we should be kind to them, serve them, love them and patiently point them toward the love of God and the gospel of grace, forgiveness and reconciliation. But they are not the people we should invite to walk closely with us through life.

PRAY: *Ask God to help you develop discernment so that you can recognize the red flags warning you to steer clear of potentially destructive relationships.*



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