



## QA: Why Hostility Towards the Bible? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### QUESTION: Why do you think people are hostile to the Bible?

### ANSWER: Because they are (hostile)!

#### 1. Jesus said so:

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it *hated* you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." (**John 15:18-19**)

#### 2. Paul said so:

"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." (**2 Timothy 3:12-13**)

Christians will be persecuted, because the wicked won't change by themselves.

##### a. "Evil" in mankind is described by David:

Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, Who plan evil things in *their* hearts; They continually gather together *for* war. They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps *is* under their lips. (**Psalms 140:1-3**)

##### b. "Imposters" are people who live by their art of deception. Paul told Timothy how to deal with such:

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." (**2 Timothy 4:2**)

The wicked will get worse, so we must openly teach the Bible!

#### 3. Old Testament Example Said So: When the Law of God was read, King Josiah "tore his clothes" in repentance (**2 Chronicles 34:19**). When Scripture was read to his son,

[King Jehoiakim] cut it with the scribe's knife and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth. Yet they were not afraid, nor did they tear their garments,

the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words.  
(**Jeremiah 36:23-24**)

Who would better run the country: one who hears and heeds God's Word, or one who detests and destroys God's Word?

The man of sin ... opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God [acting like a "god."] (**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**)

Bible believers should always support those who are listening to the Bible!

#### 4. **Reality Of The Cold-Hearted:**

Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, But such as keep the law contend with them. (**Proverbs 28:4**)

Only lawbreakers praise lawbreakers. Only the wicked defend the wicked. Those who live lawfully must stand up against them.

He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike *are* an abomination to the LORD. (**Proverbs 17:15**)

It is an injustice department that releases the guilty and punishes the obedient.

He who is often rebuked, *and* hardens *his* neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. (**Proverbs 29:1**)

The dangerous wicked people are those who become stiff-necked and impenitent, and not cut to the heart and regretful for their sins.

This *is* the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wickedness." (**Proverbs 30:20**)

That's really cold!

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