

Daily Devotion For June 13, 2020

“Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.” Proverbs 10:12

We hear a lot about **“hate crimes”** in our culture today. It was in 1998 that I was taking my wife and 2 year old daughter out for breakfast at a local restaurant in Glendale. As I was pulling into the parking lot, I didn't see a cyclist and pulled right in front of him. Naturally, he was quite angry that I cut in front of him and he began to curse and shout at me. I got out of the car to apologize to him but he began to call me some racial slurs. After that incident, we went into the restaurant to order. About 10 minutes later, a police officer came into the restaurant to tell me that the cyclist had “keyed” my car. Fortunately for me, there were witnesses to the whole incident and the first generation Armenian cyclist was charged with a **hate** crime.

A month or so later, I got a call from the cyclist attorney telling me that his client didn't want to be charged with a hate crime and said that he wanted to settle out of court. That was fine with me because I was partly at fault. After we settled, the cyclist and the attorney met me at the court and the attorney said to us, “you have to learn to get a long because you are both immigrants.” Well, that comment made me upset and showed me the **ignorance** of the attorney where he assumed because I was an Asian that I was an immigrant.

The current events in our country remind me that there is a lot of hate and ignorance in our country. Solomon in Proverbs 10:12 wrote, **Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.** See also I Peter 4:8

Thought For The Day: As you examine your own heart, can you say that you are without hate? How are hatred and love different? According to Solomon and I Peter 4:8, what does love do?

Today's Prayer Focus: I saw John Mitchell this morning and he sat up by the bedside when I visited him. Continue to pray for health and strength for him. Remember the Kuwatani family in prayer. Continue to add this week's prayer fuel to your daily prayers. Deo Volente!!