Causing a stir!

Today’s verse on my 2020 Bible Memory Challenge got me to thinking about pots, spoons, and all that stirring that goes on when it comes to love and relationships.

Let’s take a look at our verse. It’s not a long verse, but it sure has some powerful wisdom in it.

“Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.” Proverbs 10:12 (KJV)

It is so easy to start hating someone and not even realize it. If you start getting into disagreements or downright fights for that matter, hatred could be what you are holding in your hands. Hatred keeps your fists up and keeps you ready for a fight.

Our verse is talking about stirring up strife. “Strife” is another word for
conflict. If you have anyone in your life that you can’t seem to avoid some conflict with, then it might be time to pull out a little love to help remedy the situation.

There may be someone you know with a cranky attitude or maybe they are just plain mean. Maybe they have even hurt you deeply. There might even be someone like that in your life that you just can’t avoid being around. It could be that you have to work with them. Or it could be that you attend the same church. Or maybe they are family.

If a relationship brings out conflict, then you have to deal with it and use love instead of hate or the angry words, cold attitudes, fights, and quarrels will never stop. We have to work to not allow those hate seeds to grow inside of us or pretty soon we will be causing a stir.

You’ve heard that old idiom about someone wanting to “Stir the pot”. It means to agitate or make a situation worse. That’s what hate does. It stirs the pot!

Sometimes I have to tell myself to “Step away from the spoon!” How about you? It’s so easy to pick up that “hate spoon” and start meddling in the pot of relationships. First you just put the spoon in the pot to test the waters. It won’t be long and you are stirring up waves.

Some people like to use the “hate spoon” to reach way down and stir to bring up the past deep from the bottom. Why do we do that? We hurl out past grievances and old hurts around when we get mad and have that hatred in our hearts.
The next thing you know, things are boiling over. We end up serving up a bowl of strife. We have watch out for that.

The last part of that verse reminds us that,

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We have to add that “love” because it’s the only ingredient that will drown out the taste of hatred.

**So, what kind of stir are you causing?**