

# **A Little Yeast**

**“ A little yeast leavens the whole batch  
of dough” (1 Cor. 5:6).**

- **a window into the future**
- **a sneak preview of heaven**
- **the “already” in the midst of the “not yet”**
- **the “picked corn” in the midst of the “uneatable green things”**
- **heaven on earth stationed at the gates of hell**
- **God’s will done on earth as it is in heaven in a world in which his will is not yet being done....**
- **Look like Jesus in a world that doesn’t**

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**“Your marriage bed is one of the most crowded places on the face of the earth. It is teeming with people, some of whom you’ve never met, but they’re all there – all affecting your sexual intimacy, looking over your shoulder, and shaping the quality of your sexual pleasure.”**

**“Don’t look behind the pillow, but be aware that your parents are lurking right underneath it! And if you think that’s bad, you also better get used to your in-laws, who are hiding under your spouse’s pillow!”**

**K. Leman, *Sheet Music*. p.23.**

*EVERYTHING*  
IS CONNECTED TO  
*EVERYTHING ELSE*

“Be angry (*orgizo*) but do not sin;  
do not let the sun go down on  
your anger (*paraorgismos*) and  
do not make room for the devil.”  
(**Eph 4:26-27**)

**“Put away from you *all* bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with *all* malice” (Eph. 4:31, emphasis added).**

**....“be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ” (Eph 4:32-5:2).**

**Prov. 4:23** “Keep (or guard) your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”

**1Pet. 3:14-15** “But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.”

**Matt. 5:39** “Do not resist (*anthistemi*) an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also....”  
(*anthistemi* = resist with corresponding force or in corresponding manner.)

**Rom. 12:17** “Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.”

**Rom. 12:21** “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

**Rom. 12:19-20** “Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”

- 1. Have the “wisdom from above” (Ja 3:17 ) to see how things are interconnected.**
- 2. Forgive *everything* about *everyone*.**  
“Live in love, as Christ has loved us *and gave his life for us*” (Eph 5:2)
- 3. Guard your heart with all vigilance.... (Prov 4:23).**