



Living Life Without Strife (Part 1) Sunday July 30, 2006

Outline:

What is strife?

What causes strife?

The Negative effects of strife.

Keeping strife out of your life.

Strife = division, quarrel, hatred, ill-feeling, contention, enmity, factions, etc.

It is a cancer that eats away at human relationships.

Affects all areas of human relationships – family, workplace, ministry, churches, etc.

Every one faces it – so we need to learn how to over come it and keep it out of our lives.

What causes strife?

1. Hatred Proverbs 10:12

2. Anger / Fiery temper Proverbs 15:18, Proverbs 29:22 Proverbs 30:33
Proverbs 30:33 (Lit. Heb.)

"The pressure of milk produces curds, the pressure of the nose produces blood, the pressure of wrath (i. e., brooding over and, as it were, condensing it) produces strife."

3. Gossiping / Backbiting / Talebearing Proverbs 16:28 Proverbs 26:20

4. Being contentious / quarrelsome Proverbs 26:21

5. Pride Proverbs 28:25

6. Selfish ambition Luke 22:20-27

7. Misunderstandings Acts 6:1

8. Personal differences Acts 15:36-41 2 Timothy 4:11 (John Mark Barnabas' nephew)

9. Supporting cliques 1 Corinthians 3:1-4 Galatians 5:19-21 Romans 8:8

10. Disputing over speculative ideas 1 Timothy 6:1-5

11. Foolish questions 2 Timothy 2:22-26

The Negative effects of strife

James 3:13-16 Strife opens the door to confusion and every evil work.



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