



Living Life Without Strife (Part 2)
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Keeping Strife out of our life

Proverbs 17:1

Proverbs 20:3

It is an honour to stay out of strife.

"It's a mark of good character to avert quarrels, but fools love to pick fights". (Message Bible)

1. Don't give strife a chance

Proverbs 17:14

"The start of a quarrel is like a leak in a dam, so stop it before it bursts". (Message Bible)

(a) Mind your own business Proverbs 26:17 Proverbs 3:30

(b) Watch your motives Philippians 2:1-5, James 4:1,2

(c) Watch your words Proverbs 18:6 Proverbs 22:10 Avoid belittling, bickering, complaining, gripping, sowing discord, etc.

2. Control your temper

Proverbs 15:18 Proverbs 16:32 Proverbs 25:8

Ignore insults Proverbs 12:16 1 Peter 2:23

3. A soft answer

Proverbs 15:1 tender reply

Be gentle, be patient 2 Timothy 2:24

4. Yielding

Genesis 13:1-18

Meekness (humility) is not weakness. It is real strength in disguise. Psalm 37:11

Make peace quickly Matthew 5:9,25,26 Hebrews 12:14 Romans 12:18

5. Don't keep an account of wrong

1 Corinthians 13:5

Lovetakes no account of evil;

Love....Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,

Proverbs 17:9 continuing bitterness, hatred, anger – is a sign that you have not forgiven.

Matthew 5:23,24 Forgive quickly

Matthew 18:21-22 Forgive liberally

6. Bind demonic operation

Strife and confusion can be caused by demonic activity Ephesians 6:12



The Challenge

As Individuals Romans 13:12-14

As a body Psalm 133:1-3

Unity brings Anointing, Refreshing, Blessing, Life



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