

How to End Strife

Foundational Scriptures:

Pro 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Death is first. Arguments, strife and confusion are words of death.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, [that] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: **choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live: Jam 3:16 For where envying and **strife** [is], there [is] confusion and **every evil work.**

Introduction.

Pro 4:7 Wisdom [is] the principal thing; [therefore] get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Pro 4:20 My son, attend to my **words**; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Pro 4:21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

Pro 4:22 For they [are] life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life.

Pro 4:24 Put away from thee a <u>froward</u> (i.e., habitually disobedient) mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Speak only words which bring grace to the hearer.

How bad is strife?

Pro 17:1 Better [is] a dry morsel, and quietness, than an house full of sacrifices [with] strife.

Pro 21:9 [It is] better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house. Pro 25:24 [It is] better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

Pro 21:19 [It is] better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious & an angry woman.

How does strife come?

Pro 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised [is] wisdom.

Pro 18:6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

Pro 15:18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but [he that is] slow to anger appeaseth strife.

Pro 16:28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

Pro 28:25 He that is of a <u>proud heart</u> stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

Pro 29:22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

The way to end strife.

Pro 26:20 Where no wood is, the fire goeth out: so where [there is] no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. Pro 26:21 [As] coals [are] to burning coals, and wood to fire; so [is] a contentious man to kindle strife.

Pro 20:3 [It is] an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That <u>every idle word</u> that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. v37 **For by thy words thou shalt be justified,** and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. Mat 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for <u>out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.</u> Jam 3:2 For in many things we offend all. **If any man offend not in word, the same [is] a perfect man,** [and] able also to bridle the whole body.

Jam 3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; [it is] an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Faith Action Plan: Pray in tongues 1 hour per day; Do 100 affirmations daily of Ps 19:14. In the Name of Jesus, God has made the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart pleasing to Him.