

Strife – It is Not Worth It

James 3:14-18 (KJS) But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

I. Observations:

- ☐ **Strife can manifest itself during the holidays – Put your guard up**

- More depression, stress, marital problems during this time of year

Psalm 31:20 You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence

From the plots of man;

You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion

From the strife of tongues.

- ☐ **It causes many many problems, and stops prayers from being answered**

Psalm 106:32 They angered Him also at the waters of strife, So that it went ill with Moses on account of them;

Isaiah 58:4 Indeed you fast for strife and debate, And to strike with the fist of wickedness.

You will not fast as you do this day, To make your voice heard on high.

- ☐ **Sometimes the mildest appearing, sweetest acting person can be filled with strife – They act like they are the victim**
- ☐ **People who operate in strife usually don't recognize it in themselves or acknowledge it if they are confronted – They rarely apologize, and usually point the finger at others**
- ☐ **Some people will require personality makeovers!**
- ☐ **Some people need deliverance from themselves as well as the devil**

If there is peace in your heart there will be peace in your home

II. Characteristics:

- **Debating – “Always having to win”**
- **Being loud helps**
- **They make a big deal over small things**

2 Timothy 2:23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

- **Tendency to be negative**
- **Don't take responsibility for their actions**
- **Overly opinionated**

1 Timothy 6:4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,

- **Confusion – Lack direction and makes bad decisions**
- **Broken relationships**
 - Deals with personal problems & issues by e-mail or text message

III. Solutions:

- ✚ **Bind spirits of (Matthew 18:18)**

- Anger
- Pride
- Rebellion
- Strife
- Control
- Stubbornness



Eris (Greek Ἔρις, "Strife") is the Greek goddess of strife, her name being translated into Latin as **Discordia**. Her Greek opposite is Harmonia, whose Latin counterpart is Concordia. Homer equated her with the war-goddess Enyo. Eris, the solar system's largest known dwarf planet, is named after the goddess.

- ✚ **Deal with thy wagging tongue**

Proverbs 26:20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.

- ✚ **Deal with thy Big Mouth**

Proverbs 16:28 A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.

- ✚ **Deal with thy Friends Big Mouth**

Proverbs 22:10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease.

- ✚ **Deal with thy Pride**

Proverbs 13:10 By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.

- ✚ **Deal with thy Anger**

Proverbs 15:18 A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays contention.

- ✚ **Walk in Love**

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

