



STRIFE

1. **Definition**

- Fighting, arguing, quarreling, heatedly disagreeing
- Angry undercurrent (smiling but angry in the heart)

2. **Strife targets:**

- Marriages
- Personal relationships
- Churches

3. **How does strife operate James 3:16**

- Envy and strife causes 2 killers:
- Disorder and
- Every evil thing

4. **3 ways to overcome strife**

- Love – Pr 10:12
- Humbly taking advice – Pr 13:10
- Being slow to anger – Pr 15:18, Pr 16:32

5. **Causes for strife**

- Hatred – Pr 10:12
- Pride – Pr 13:10
- Contentious spirit – Pr 26:21
- Anger – Pr 29:22
- Foolish Questions – 1 Tim 6:4

6. Facts about strife

- Proves that we are still babes in Christ – 1 Cor 3:3
- Stay away from debates because they produce strife – 1 Tim 6:4, 2 Tim 2:23
- God does not accept it – Rom 1:28-29
- God forbids it – Pr 20:3, 25:8, 26:17, Phil 2:3

7. Facts about contentious spirit

- Wants war – Ps 120:7
- A wrathful man – Pr 15:18
- Loves transgression – Pr 17:19
- Fools lips – Pr 18:6
- Kindles strife – Pr 26:21

8. Summary

Always try and avoid strife at all costs