

Preventing Strife In The Local Congregation

Proverbs 6:16-19 these six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: And one who sows discord among brethren.

I. Strife Caused By Gossip

Proverbs 16:27-28 An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire. 28 A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.

1 Timothy 5:13 And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.

Proverbs 26:20 Where no wood is, [there] the fire goes out: so where [there is] no talebearer, the strife ceases.

Proverbs 17:9 He that covers a transgression seeks love; but he that repeats a matter separates [very] friends.

Proverbs 25:9-10 Argue your case with your neighbor, And do not reveal the secret of another, Lest he who hears it reproach you, And the evil report about you not pass away.

Proverbs 20:19 He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip. (NASV)

II. Strife Cause By Anger

Proverbs 29:22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression.

Proverbs 15:18 A wrathful man stirs up strife: but [he that is] slow to anger appeases strife.

Proverbs 22:24-25 Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go, 25 Lest you learn his ways And set a snare for your soul.

Proverbs 19:11 The discretion of a man defers his anger; and [it is] his glory to pass over a transgression

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

III. Strife Caused By Foolish Questions

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

2 Timothy 2:14 Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.

Galatians 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

IV. Strife Caused By Pride And Envy

Proverbs 28:25 He that is of a proud heart stirs up strife:

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

James 3:14-17 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

Philippians 2:3 [Let] nothing [be done] through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves:

V. Endeavouring To Keep The Peace

Ephesians 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Romans 14:19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men.

Proverbs 17:14 The beginning of strife is like letting out water, So abandon the quarrel before it breaks out. (NASV)