

One of the biggest challenges we all face is getting along with other people. We all have different personalities, different temperaments, and come from different backgrounds. When somebody doesn't agree with us, or does something we don't approve of, it's easy to quarrel with that person, try to straighten them out, and prove our point. Before long the two of you have clashed and are both offended. You can feel the tension and stress. What has happened? You have allowed strife in. When you let your guard down and say things that are disrespectful, hurtful, and demeaning, you damage any relationship and open the door to strife.

That is why the Scripture says: "Give no place to the enemy." Strife cannot just come in whenever it wants; you have to open the 'door'. To never have an argument or say a wrong word is not reality, but when you allow strife to become common, are constantly arguing, saying hurtful things, being disrespectful etc., then you are headed down the wrong path. Stop strife before it tears your relationships apart.

Proverbs 17:14 "The start of a quarrel is like a leak in a dam, so stop it before it bursts."