



The Secret to a Successful Family

Choose God's Love—Eliminate All Strife

Leader's Notes

I. Stay out of strife.

- You are responsible to protect your family from strife.
 - 2 Timothy 3:2-5, *"For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!" (NLT).*
- Strife brings confusion and every evil work.
 - James 3:16, *"For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work" (KJV).*
- Strife can be gossip or slander.
 - 2 Timothy 2:23, *"Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights" (NLT).*
- Strife can be arguments with others, or even arguing with the television.
 - 1 Timothy 6:4, *"Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions" (NLT).*





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II. Put on the clothes of love.

- Faith works by love.
 - Galatians 5:6, *“What is important is faith expressing itself in love” (NLT).*
- Love never fails.
 - 1 Corinthians 13:8, *“Love never fails” (NKJV).*
- Pray for God to fix things in your relationships.
- Live a life of love toward one another.
 - Colossians 3:12, *“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience” (NLT).*
- God corrects you to keep you on His plan.

III. Receive God’s kingdom.

- Say, *“I receive God’s kingdom here on earth as it is done in heaven.”*
 - Matthew 6:10, *“May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven” (NLT).*
- Get in agreement with God.
- Receive God’s plan for your life.
- A flood of God’s grace can make everything clean and new.
- The fruit of the Spirit is within you—pull out and use whatever you need.
 - Galatians 5:22-23, *“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” (NLT).*



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Quote From Kellie Copeland Swisher

You dig from the well of your heart, the love and power of God to overcome every situation and every temptation.

Confession

Father, Your kingdom and Your plan for my life is love, so I receive the life You planned for me and my family, now. I resist strife in every form, and I am patient with everyone around me.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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