



STRIFE: THE DESTROYER OF DREAMS

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DAY 1 – STRIFE STOPS THE LOVE THAT FUELS FAITH

Brother Copeland has a word from heaven—*Vote!* Strife is a very dangerous thing; it is the destroyer of dreams. Wisdom is found in God.

STUDY IT

- I. Brother Copeland gave a word from heaven—*Vote!*
 - There's more to voting than just the economy.
 - Pray! Determine in your heart the direction God wants you to vote. Settle it in your innermost being.
 - This is very important. If you don't vote, you just voted for the wrong person.
 - Your ballot is your seed.
- II. Strife is a very dangerous thing; it is the destroyer of dreams.
 - The book of James is about faith: how it works, and how to receive everything you need and everything you want with the power of the force of faith.
 - You can turn your whole body with words of faith in your heart and in your mouth (James 3:2-3).
 - Agree with God and say: "I'm healed," even when physical symptoms show you are sick.
 - This is your declaration: I am what The WORD says I am because God's WORD *is*. God's WORD is healing. God's WORD is salvation. God's WORD is whatever I need.
- III. Wisdom is found in God (James 3:13-17).
 - Jesus called wisdom the written WORD of God (Luke 11:49).
 - A man came to Jesus for healing for his son who was demon-possessed (Luke 9:37-42).
 - Jesus said to the father of the boy, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).
 - Jesus spoke and the demon left.
 - In Mark's account we find out the boy had a deaf and dumb spirit, because Jesus said, "You deaf and dumb spirit; come out" (Mark 9:25).



- The disciples had not been able to help the man's son.
- Later the disciples reasoned among themselves as to who was the greatest (Luke 9:46).
 - *Reasoning* is the same as arguing with one another; that's strife.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Faith works by the *agape* love of God. Using 1 Corinthians 13 as a basis, write down things you can think, say and do that exhibit the love of God. Then watch your faith work!



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DAY 2 – STRIFE IS THE KILLER OF DREAMS

You can only do the works of God by faith, and faith only works by love. The purpose of fasting is to get your mind off yourself and onto God. The apostles of the Lamb changed the world by demonstrating and preaching the new birth. Strife is the killer of dreams. This nation is suffering with the spirit of strife today.

STUDY IT

- I. You can only do the works of God by faith, and faith only works by love (Galatians 5:6).
 - Just because you have the authority to do something, doesn't mean you can do it.
 - Jesus had given the disciples the authority to cast out demons (Matthew 10:1).
 - Jesus had given the 70 believers the authority to heal the sick and cast out demons (Luke 10:1, 9, 17).
 - Jesus' disciples asked, "Why could we not cast him [the demon] out?" (Matthew 17:19).
 - Jesus said, "Because of your unbelief. This kind goes out by prayer and fasting" (see Matthew 17:20-21).
 - This kind of unbelief goes out with prayer and fasting.
- II. The purpose of fasting is to get your mind off yourself and onto God.
 - Fasting doesn't change God. Fasting doesn't change devils. Fasting won't get devils out.
 - Jesus meant that if you spend time fasting, praying, worshipping and praising God, you'll get closer to Him, and you won't worry and be in unbelief.
 - Fasting is a way to get your flesh under control—a way to become mature in patience and wisdom (James 1:4-6).
 - Fasting causes you to be more sensitive to what Jesus is doing and saying.
 - Spend time worshipping Him. Spend time thinking about Him instead of about yourself.



- III. The apostles of the Lamb changed the world by demonstrating and preaching the new birth.
- On the Day of Pentecost, the believers were filled with the love of God that overflowed from their hearts by the Holy Spirit.
 - The strife and the fussing were over. The devil was defeated.
 - Strife is a killer: a killer of families and nations.
- IV. Strife is the killer of dreams.
- There are people who just have an argumentative air about them.
 - Any kind of argument opens the door to strife. Strife is anything that violates the law of love. It creates confusion (James 3:14-16).
 - There are fruits of the spirit, and there are works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-23).
 - Look at the company strife keeps: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like.
- V. This nation is suffering with the spirit of strife today.
- Strife opens this nation to terrible consequences.
 - Jesus said, "A house divided against itself can't stand" (Mark 3:25). In a house where people are arguing and fighting with one another, there is strife, confusion and every evil work.
 - To make a change, remember: Greater is He that is in me (1 John 4:4). Learn how to put the Greater One to work for you.
 - Look at those in strife and say in your heart: Greater is Love in me than the hate and anger that's in them. The Greater One is in me.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Do you have plans, hopes and dreams for the future that have disappeared unfulfilled? It's time to look for any strife in your life. Strife will kill your dreams before they even get started. Do you need to forgive someone? Or yourself? Or God? Are you blaming someone for killing your dream when it may have been a spirit of strife that choked out God's BLESSING?

Repent; forgive; go back to God and allow Him to renew your dreams with the assurance He will work for you.



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DAY 3 – CHOOSE LOVE, NOT STRIFE

Choose love, not strife. Use love instead of debate; love instead of arguing. God's love never fails. If you've never accepted Jesus as your LORD and Savior, do it now.

STUDY IT

- I. Choose love, not strife.
 - Change your situation and circumstances with the love of God.
 - Greater is He [Love] that is in me than he that is in the world [the author of evil work] (1 John 4:4).
 - Learn how to put the Greater One to work for you.
- II. Use love instead of debate; love instead of arguing.
 - Years ago, a pastor was saying hateful things about Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.
 - Instead of answering him back, they just loved him. The love of God melted that pastor's heart.
 - Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth (Ephesians 4:29).
 - Corrupt communication includes bad words and causes strife.
 - Instead, build others up; be kind to one another and forgive even as God for the sake of the anointing and the Anointed One has forgiven you. Speak love.
- III. God's love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:1-13).
 - The love of God is translated from the Greek word *agape*. It is an act of your will. The Greek word, *phileo*, is love that affects your emotions.
 - Gloria Copeland used *agape* love to bring Brother Kenneth into the kingdom of God.
 - Make this confession: "I follow after Love. God is my God; He is my LORD. I trust in Love. I trust in Him, and He lives on the inside of me. He is my God and I am His very own child."
 - When you speak in tongues, you are edified—you build yourself up. Without love, faith doesn't work.



- The fundamentals of fear are strife, arguments and to be argumentative.
 - Arguing and strife stop the workings of the gifts of the Spirit.
 - Strife will kill your hopes and dreams of a successful future.
- IV. If you've never accepted Jesus as your LORD and Savior, do it now.
 - Any person who is in Christ is a new creation. Old things are passed away and all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - Old things include an argumentative nature. That's the nature of the devil.
 - Be connected to God.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray this prayer with Brother Copeland to receive Jesus as your LORD and Savior:

"Father, I believe with all my heart that Jesus has been raised from the dead. You did that for me, Father. LORD Jesus, come into my heart. I receive You today as my Savior. Take my life and do something with it. Today is the first day of the rest of my life. I believe Your WORD. I am a new creature. I'm born again."



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DAY 4 – STOP THE SIN OF STRIFE NOW

The book of James teaches us so much about faith. There is a wisdom of the world and wisdom from God. You must stop the sin of strife.

STUDY IT

- I. The book of James teaches us so much about faith. It's second only to Jesus' classic teaching on faith found in Mark 11:22-24.
 - "The trying of your faith works patience, but let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:3-4).
 - Faith works if you will not be a forgetful hearer, but be a doer of The WORD—a BLESSED man" (James 1:23-25).
 - You need to have corresponding action with The WORD. What you believe must be followed by actions that support what you believe.
 - If you say you are healed, you must act healed.
- II. James teaches about wisdom from the world and wisdom from God.
 - "If ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. 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" (James 3:14-17).
 - God's wisdom will cause you to grab your anger, and not let it come out of your mouth. It will stop words of sickness or poverty.
 - People say: "I am healed." The fact is that you are sick.
 - Brother Copeland says, "I wasn't healed because I looked healed. I didn't say I was healed because I feel healed. Two thousand years ago, Jesus bought and paid for my sickness and disease. By Jesus' stripes, I was healed, and I'm healed now, and I'll say I'm healed. That's the truth!"
 - Believe and speak the truth that you are healed, and the symptoms of sickness will leave.



III. You must stop the sin of strife.

- The disciples came to a situation in which they could not cast out a demon.
- Fasting won't remove a devil. Fasting ministers to you.
- Had they spent more time fasting, praying and listening to Jesus, they wouldn't have been arguing about who was the most important and who would get the highest position in the kingdom of God (Mark 9:34).
- Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins (Proverbs 10:12).
- "Whoever loves to argue loves to sin" (Proverbs 17:19, *NCV*). The person who loves to argue, loves strife, fighting and fussing.
- James Robison heard a man speak critically of Brother Copeland. As an act of love, Brother Robison stopped the man by publicly asking him to pray God's BLESSINGS on Brother Copeland.
- An angry man stirs up strife, envy and divisions; acting like he is not born again (see 1 Corinthians 3:1-6). That's strife.

IV. The spirit of division is the author of one of the most despicable things in the eyes of God that exists...racism. God hates it! It's the product of deep sin and judging people.

- Different races of people have different mindsets and see things through their upbringing.
 - Consequently, two different people can look at the same thing and see two different things.
- There are different races in the earth: black, white, red, Asian races—all of us in a different environment. There are differences in male and female gender; differences in employers and employees that can lead to fighting over different things.
- It's up to us, the children of God, to put a stop to strife.
- We begin by stopping it in our own church congregations. We have to put a stop to fighting one another over politics. We have to do it, and we have to do now.
- It's God who pulls our different nationalities together.
- It's God who brings the peace that passes all understanding, if we are willing, strong and obedient to His WORD.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

You can stop the sin of strife! Here's how:

- Repent for judging another.
- Receive God's forgiveness.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to guard your thoughts and words to stop strife.
- Meditate on God's love, and practice giving it to everyone you meet.



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DAY 5 – IT'S TIME TO RECEIVE YOUR HUNDREDFOLD

Every day is Increase Day! Faith is the currency of the kingdom of God. God gives us things to meet our need, but that's not His primary purpose. God gives seed to you to grow food, and multiplies your seed sown, and increases the fruits of your righteousness. If you have left all to serve God, you shall receive a hundredfold, now in this time and in the life to come.

STUDY IT

- I. Every day is Increase Day!
 - A great multitude was coming to Jesus (John 6).
 - Jesus said to Phillip, "Where are we going to get the food to feed all these people?" (see John 6:5).
 - There were 12 baskets left over (John 6:13).
 - The little boy's lunch was in a small basket; but the 12 baskets of leftovers were each large enough for a man to fit inside.
 - That's increase!
- II. Faith is the currency of the kingdom of God.
 - Come buy without money (Isaiah 55:1). How do you buy without money? With faith!
 - Dr. Andre Roebert, pastor of The River Church in East London, South Africa, experienced great increase.
 - When Brother Copeland was believing for the Citation X, Dr. Roebert sowed a million rand into the Citation X. That's about \$800,000 US dollars.
 - Dr. Roebert was believing God for the money to purchase and renovate a 600,000-square-foot warehouse for their church building.
 - The LORD told Dr. Roebert, *The money is in the floor.*
 - During the renovation of the warehouse, under the floor they found very rare African pine lumber.
 - That lumber makes the finest furniture, but it's almost impossible to get.
 - Currently, it's against the law to cut down African pine trees.



- When they loaded up the lumber to sell, it took 50 flatbed trucks to carry it all away.
 - Brother Copeland asked him, "How much money did the sale of the lumber bring?" Dr. Roebert said, "More than enough."
 - God can definitely take care of your needs!
- III. God gives us things to meet our need, but that's not His primary purpose.
- To be *rich* means to be "abundantly supplied; more than enough" (see 1 Timothy 6:17).
 - Actually, to be rich in the kingdom of God is to be able to receive from God everything you need—spirit, soul, body, financially and socially.
 - You are a wealthy person because you know how to use faith and receive from God.
 - God wants you to have a good life to enjoy.
- IV. God gives seed to you to grow food, and multiplies your seed sown and increases the fruits of your righteousness (2 Corinthians 9:8-10).
- Don't ever eat your seed. You may be down to \$20. Sow it!
 - God is a good God. He's the *El Shaddai*, more-than-enough God.
 - With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.
- V. If you have left all to serve God, you shall receive a hundredfold, now in this time and in the life to come (see Mark 10:27-30).
- Persecution comes for The WORD's sake. It didn't come to teach you something.
 - Satan is a thief. He came to steal The WORD. If he can steal it, he can kill you and destroy you.
 - God has a hundredfold for you now in this time.
 - Right now, when you need it, is the time to call for the return on your tithing, giving and sowing over the years. Call for it. You have a right to it.
 - It's laid up in your heavenly account, and it belongs to you.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

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