



Don't Be Contentious,
Speak Few Words at Right Time

*"The beginning of strife is like releasing water;
Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts."*

Proverbs 17:14 (NKJV)

If you love quarreling you love sin

- **Proverbs 17:19** *"He who loves a quarrel loves sin; he who builds a high gate invites destruction."* (NIV)
- **Proverbs 20:3** *"It is honorable for a man to stop striving, Since any fool can start a quarrel. "* (NKJV)
- **Proverbs 22:10** *"Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease."* (NKJV)
- **Proverbs 26:21** *"As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife. "*
- **Which is why we are told to reject a divisive man after two warnings.**
 - **Titus 3:10** *"Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,"* (NKJV)

Put Away Strife and Contention

- **Romans 13:13** *"Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy." (NKJV)*

- **1 Corinthians 3:3** *"... For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?" (NKJV)*

- **2 Corinthians 12:20** *"For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults;" (NKJV)*

- **Titus 3:9** *"But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless." (NKJV)*

Swift To Hear, Slow To Speak

- **James 1:19** *"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;"* (NKJV)
- **Proverbs 15:28** *"The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil. "* (NKJV)
- **Proverbs 18:13** *"He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him. "* (NKJV)
- **Proverbs 16:23** *"A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction."* (NIV)
- **Proverbs 24:26** *"He who gives a right answer kisses the lips. "* (NKJV)

A Word Spoken In Due Season

- **Proverbs 15:23** *"A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!" (NKJV)*
- **Proverbs 25:11** *"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver." (NKJV)*
- **Proverbs 27:14** *"He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, It will be counted a curse to him." (NKJV)*

A Few, Soft, & Sweet Words

- **Proverbs 17:27** *"He who has knowledge spares his words, And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit."* (NKJV)
- **Proverbs 15:1** *"A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger."* (NKJV)
- **Proverbs 25:15** *"By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone."* (NKJV)
- **Proverbs 16:21** *"The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning."* (NKJV)
- **Proverbs 16:24** *"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones."* (NKJV)