

UNITY NOT STRIFE

Daily Meditation – Friday September 4, 2026

The Bible says, “Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go out, even strife and dishonor will cease” (Pr. 22:10).

David, my favorite Psalmist, wrote, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, coming down upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing – life forever” (Ps. 133:1-3).¹

After the day of Pentecost we learn, “And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them. And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales, and lay them at the apostles’ feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need” (Acts 4:32-35).

The opposite of unity is strife. Strife is devious and will block your blessings. Once Abraham got rid of Lot, God blessed Abraham tremendously. God never informed Abraham to take Lot with him. God told Abraham, “Go forth from your country, and *from your relatives* and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you” (Gen. 12:1).

God wants you strong, fearless, healthy, wealthy, and blessed so you can be a blessing. However, many times God needs to separate us from people, places, and things. Separation leads to sanctification. I know Aunt Alice might make some awesome chicken, rice, greens, baked squash, cornbread, and lemonade after church on Sundays; but is there strife in the house?

I have a question for you. Does God own you? Are you holding anything back? Abraham held back and Lot blocked his blessings. Ananias and Sapphira held back and they did not make it (see Acts 5:1-11). Always seek unity not strife!

¹ All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!