

A Marriage Minute

A simple help to make your marriage just a little better this week.

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that we are not each other's enemy, but we do have an enemy -the spirit of strife! The spirit of strife is on assignment to destroy your marriage. To allow him to be lord in your home is to allow certain disaster. When he is detected husband and wife must close ranks, regardless of internal squabbles to defend against this outside enemy who is sure to cause disorder, anger, resentment, and even hatred when, in fact, that hatred should be directed at him. We must avoid strife at all costs if the marriage is to succeed. It won't matter who's right if there is no marriage. If someone has to win the argument, let it be your spouse. The world won't come to an end! Furthermore, the spirit of strife will be defeated. If you can't let the other win the argument, take a time out. Come back to the issue later when the air isn't so emotionally charged. Do whatever it takes. Just don't let strife take control. The ultimate question is "Who will be lord in your life, the spirit of strife or the Prince of Peace?"

Prayer for both of us: "Lord, help us to join forces against the spirit of strife so it will have no effect in our marriage and help us to walk in love and grace. Father, allow your Holy Spirit to take control, so that the spirit of strife won't be."

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