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# Avoid *Tragedy*... Run From *Strife*

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**G**ood People. Fine Christians. Bible believing faith people. How could this tragedy happen to them? James 3:16 gives us insight into how anyone, even “faith people” can open the door to evil in their lives.

*“For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work”* (James 3:16)

Every evil work would certainly apply to death, disease, or tragedy wouldn't it? Words of envy and strife can set confusion in motion and cause problems to multiply and attract like-minded angry people and situations. If not consciously released, the pressure continues to build, often seething beneath the surface. Then when the problems and tragedy come, they cry out to God: “Oh, God, why in the world did this come to pass? God, why did you allow it?” But God had nothing to do with it. They violated the laws of God by allowing strife to control their lives.

*Where there is strife, there is confusion and every evil work.* The New

Living Translation says *“...There you will find disorder and evil of every kind.”* (James 3:16 NLT) Christians let satan into their lives through strife. Paul said we are to give him *no place*. We are in charge. We can keep satan out or give him a place to work. *Don't give him any place!* Don't give place to anger, blame and contention.

Ephesians 4:26 says, *“Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.”* One minister friend said, “Many times I have had to break the speed limit to get home before the sun went down to tell my wife, Honey, you were wrong, but I forgive you anyway!”

**Unforgiveness and  
strife cause tragedy in  
Christian families.**

Don't let the sun go down on your wrath. Why? Because where there is strife, there is confusion and every evil work. *Strife in the home is an open door*

*to satan.* If not corrected, it will bring tragedy to your marriage and to your home. Strife in your business or work place will hinder or even stop your growth and prosperity.

Continual strife, unforgiveness, and anger will eventually cause physical illness in your body and affect others around you. There are many Christians who start out in love, but end up in strife with others. Instead of forgiving and acting in love, they open the door wide to the devil. It doesn't matter who is right or wrong, love and forgiveness releases you from the power of satan, confusion and his evil works.

**“Love is something  
you decide to do”**

I John 3:14 says, *“We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.”*

When it says “abides in death,” it does not mean you are eternally lost. It means you are walking under the law of sin and death, and that law will be working on you. It can even cost you your life. If you are abiding under that law, you have given the devil a place in your life. Unforgiveness and strife cause tragedy in Christian families and anyone living in unforgiveness or strife is operating in the energy or power of death. Paul said, *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”* (Romans 8:2) If you walk in love and fellowship with Jesus, you are walking

under the law of the Spirit of life and you have engaged the energy and power of life that abides in God!

John wrote, *“For this is the love of God, not the love of man.”* We get God's love and man's love mixed up sometimes. Human love is based on feelings. The God kind of love is based on obedience to His Word. **This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.** (I John 5:3)

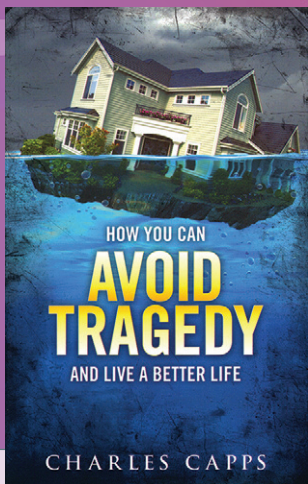
*Love is A Decision,  
Not a Feeling*

Do you always feel like keeping God's commandments? Do you always get up in the morning and feel like going to work? No. You know it is the thing to do, so you make a decision to do it. We are told that the love of God is keeping His commandments. This is a *decision* we must make, not a *feeling*.

This is where many Christians get confused. They think, “I just can't feel right toward that individual.” When you make the decision to walk in love toward that person, *your feelings will change.* To say, “When I have a good feeling, then I will forgive and love them” is like saying to the fireplace, “Send me some heat and I'll put in some wood.” It does not work that way! When you decide to walk in love, your feelings will change, but until you make that decision it will not work for you.

*“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”* (I John 5:4-5)





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You can operate in this love because faith works by love, and you must use your faith to walk in love! This is why the faith of some does nothing for them. They are not walking in love. They get upset and “lose their cool.” When you are not walking in love, your faith is ineffective. Love is something you decide to do.

**“Make that decision,  
for love is of God! Give  
no place to the devil!”**

### *A Decision*

*“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” (I John 4:7)*

God is love. If you are born of God, you are born of love. You may say, “But I just can’t love that one person.” *Love is not something you always feel like doing.* Love is something you decide to do. It is an action and a behavior. The love that John is talking about is the love of God. Do you think God felt like giving His Son for the ungodly? Do you think God had to have a certain feeling to give His Son? No. He did not feel like it. He *decided* to do it! *Love is a decision, not a feeling.*

How can you love God if you are not going to love the creation which is created in the image of God? Keep in mind, I did not say you would *feel* the same way about them as you do about your best friend; but you *decide* to love the unlovely. This is God’s love.

*Make the decision to walk in love right now!*

## Prayer of *Faith* and *Authority*

Father God, because of Your Word, and my faith in Your Word, I believe in Your method of calling things that are not as though they were.

So, I speak to the mountain of adversity that stands before me. And I proclaim that this mountain shall be dissolved. It shall disappear. It shall not hinder me any longer. This major problem that faces me in life is no match for the Word of God and my faith. And I say, mountain, be removed. Mountain of financial adversity, I command you, you come down! You will not hinder me any longer. Because I have given, I proclaim it is given unto me, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, men give unto my bosom. I have favor in every business deal. I am always in the right place, at the right time, with the right information and with the right understanding.

For I have the wisdom of God. I have the mind of Christ. The Greater One is in me. It’s not me. It is the Greater One that is in me. I have the mind of Christ. He enlightens me. He teaches me all things. He guides me into all truths. He reveals to me where I should be, when I should be there, what I should do after I get there.

Father, I proclaim that Your promises are mine. That my body is well. That I am delivered from the authority of darkness. Sickness and disease have no power over me. I am quickened according to the Word of God. I am strengthened with all might according to Your Glorious power. It is Your Strength, Your Power, Your Wisdom, Your Anointing that delivers me. For You sent Your Word and healed me and delivered me from my destruction. I thank you for it. I am delivered. The Word says let the redeemed of the Lord say so. I am the redeemed. I am delivered. And I say so, In Jesus Name.

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# Practical Steps to Live In Health



By Annette Capps

Proverbs 14:30, Amplified Version, *"A calm and undisturbed mind and heart are the life and health of the body, but envy, jealousy and wrath are as rottenness of the bones."*

The Bible gives us some very practical steps instructing us how to live free of sickness and disease. Of course, most of us know the "healing promises" in the scripture and when symptoms come our way we are quick to confess that we're redeemed from the curse of the law. However, it is not my purpose to quote healing scriptures, but rather give some practical information on how to live in health.

Christ *has* redeemed us from poverty, sickness, and death. For a person to *prosper* there are more things involved than confessing scripture. For instance, there is work involved. Good business principles, sound judgment and proper budgeting. An individual will not prosper and succeed *only*

because they confess it. Just so, a person will not always live in divine health only because they confess healing scriptures. The scripture quoted above says, *"A calm and undisturbed mind and heart are the life and health of the body..."* (Proverbs 14:30 AMPC.) It is difficult to live in health if your mind and heart are constantly upset and disturbed by envy, jealousy, and wrath which spells STRIFE.

### AVOID STRIFE

Always avoid strife at all costs, even if you must go out of your way, stay away from it! Constant strife will bring on ill health. Most doctors today agree that much sickness and disease is caused by conflict within a person: that is, strife, bitterness, hatred, stress, and guilt. This is not a new discovery. Proverbs 14:30 AMPC *"...but envy, jealousy and wrath are as rottenness of the bones."* All of these things are snares to entangle you in death. Sickness and



disease is death begun, but it doesn't start in the body and neither does health. It all revolves around an undisturbed, calm heart and mind. A mind and heart that trusts and leans upon the Lord to take care of all the hurts and suffered wrongs. When you enter into strife you accomplish nothing other than hurting yourself. Jesus told us to forgive, not to bind us, but to loose us from emotions that would physically hurt us. Do not allow others' words and actions to bind you with cords of unforgiveness. Loose yourself from the bondage of the enemy by forgiving and AVOID STRIFE.

### QUIT THE WORRY HABIT

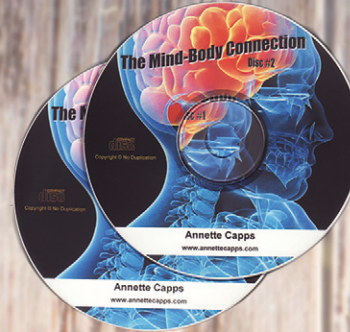
I Peter 5:7 AMPC, *"Casting the whole of your care – all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all – on Him; for He cares for you affectionately, and cares about you watchfully."*

Worry is produced by fear – fear of the unknown. Nothing disturbs the mind and heart and makes it more unsettled than fear and worry. Whereas strife produces more immediate violent reactions, more often fear and worry go on constantly. If you were concerned and worried over finances ten years

ago and haven't learned to act upon the Word, you are probably still worrying about finances today. You developed a worry habit pattern. What would be the worst thing that could possibly happen? Your greatest fears to come upon you? No, the worst thing that could happen is for not only your fears to become reality, but for you to become sick and lose your health from worrying on top of it! (Have you ever heard of worrying yourself sick?) If you didn't worry and your fears came to pass, at least you'd have your health – and a good attitude toward life!

Make a new rule for yourself; If it's something you can do anything about – do your best! If it's not - then let it go! Let God take care of it. If it's out of your hands and you've entrusted it to the Lord, then He is well able to move on your behalf. Just be sure you do not pick up the worry again. You and God can't carry it at the same time!

These are just two practical steps to living in health. You will find many more, especially in the book of Proverbs. Keep confessing those healing scriptures! Confession works! But be sure to avoid the snares that hinder divine health.



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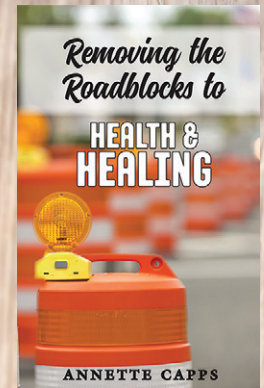
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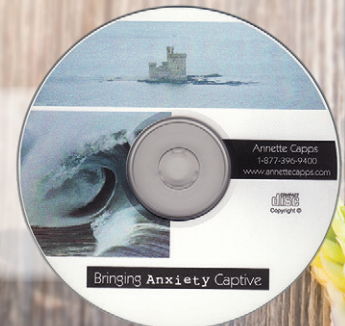
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# Stepping into God's Image of You

by BreAnne Brue

**W**ho am I? What am I capable of? Questions that stir in us as adolescents and the conclusions we develop, affect how we relate to the world and people around us. A negative self-image creates a pattern of doubt, but a God centered self-image opens up endless possibilities. When you discover how God created us to be, you unlock the authority, righteousness, and prosperity that He provided for us.

The first step to understanding ourselves is to understand how God created us and the rules of the world we live in.

Genesis 1:11-12 says: *God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in*

*itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*

God used His voice and spoke the living and non-living things of this world and universe into existence, and in the same sentence He spoke the law and principle of how they would reproduce and function. Each grass, fruit, living thing produces using its seed and creates according to its kind. Embedded into that seed are not only visual properties, but every aspect of its purpose and function.

Genesis 1: 26-28 continues, *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to*

*them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

After He established the principle of a seed producing according to its own kind, God created mankind in His own image by forming us and breathing His life into us. He instructed Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply, continuing to pass down the heredity of God to each of us! Each person's personality and perception are unique fragments of Himself that God imparted into us individually. There are also core characteristics that we all have been given.

One of those characteristics is mentioned in the same breath—authority. God gave us authority over the earth. That authority is an unchangeable part of our DNA. The words we speak have authority and go out transforming first our hearts and then our circumstances. That knowledge also requires us to learn to use our words and authority correctly, so that we choose to speak life and not death.

God also created us with a free will. That is important because love and servitude given freely has a much greater meaning than forced worship. Adam and Eve were given choice, not because He wanted them to fail, but instead to give them the meaningful choice to worship and obey. Their decision to disobey brought pain and sin into the world, but it did not take away our ability to choose the right path. In fact, Jesus came to be the ultimate

sacrifice so that we could fellowship with God again!

## **Ephesians 4:20-24 Amplified**

*But you did not learn Christ in this way! If in fact you have [really] heard Him and have been taught by Him, just as truth is in Jesus [revealed in His life and personified in Him], that, regarding your previous way of life, you put off your old self [completely discard your former nature], which is being corrupted through deceitful desires, and be continually renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude], and put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God's image, [godlike] in the righteousness and holiness of the truth [living in a way that expresses to God your gratitude for your salvation].*

Salvation is not meant to be just a ticket to heaven, but to bring us back into the light so that we can follow the path God set forth for us. After we accept Jesus as the perfect Son of God and sacrificing Himself for our sin and sickness, we are then free to step into His righteousness and make it our own. In that righteousness we can finally begin to grow, work on our imperfections, and open our arms to God's blessings and opportunities.

Parents love their children, and hope for the best for them. A child who is in obedience and striving to learn



and better themselves is easier to teach, guide, and bless. In the same way, when we are continually renewing the spirit of our mind by reading the Word and speaking with God, He is able to easily pour out His wisdom and blessings upon us. The story of Solomon is a powerful example of this.

**1 Kings 3:5-14**

*At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"*

*And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"*

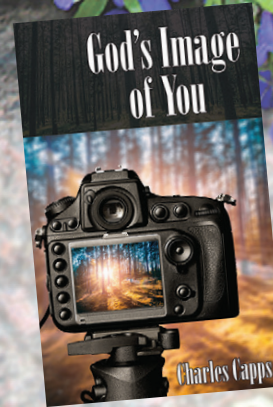
*The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. Then God said to him: "Because*

*you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."*

What an astonishing spirit of worship! Asking for wisdom when Solomon could have asked for anything. The response was so pleasing to the Lord that He was able to bless Solomon abundantly. God wants to bless us and see us prosper. Prosperity is not just related to money. Prosperity in relationships and decisions are even more valuable, and available to us.

Take the steps to understand the authority given to mankind, use the free will to choose righteousness, and develop your wisdom to start seeing prosperity in every area of life. Break the shackles of a doubting self-image, and step into God's image of who He created us to be.

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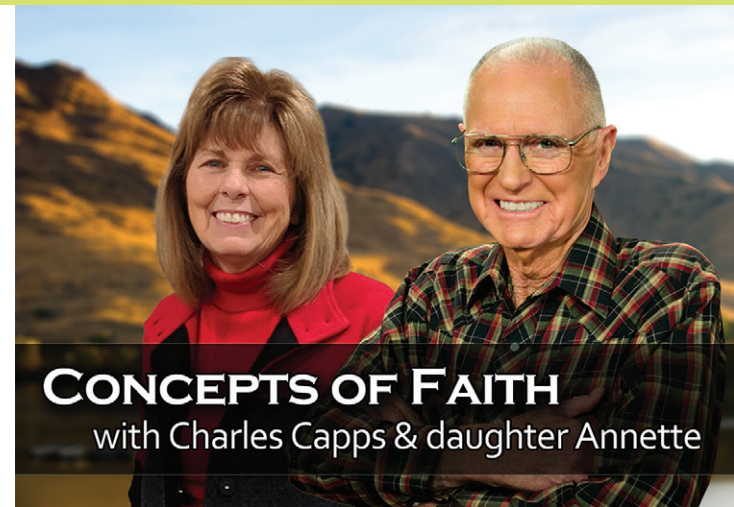
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