

Stay Strong, Daddy!

And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.
(Mark 3:24-27)

Division. It's a very simple lesson Daddy, but that's exactly how the enemy works. Jesus taught us this simple lesson on how the enemy likes to divide and conquer. It doesn't matter how big the organization is. It can be a kingdom, or it can be a home. It can even be a local church. If the kingdom is divided against itself, it cannot stand.

Let that register for a moment. Jesus said it. A divided kingdom, *cannot* stand. That goes for great kingdoms and small kingdoms. The Lord said that a divided kingdom can not stand.

What about homes? Jesus went on to say that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Daddy, that's your home and, by implication, your family. That needs to sink in even further. Our Lord told us plainly that a divided home can not stand. It can't abide. It can't continue. It can't hold up. That's a terrifying thought!

Jesus went further by naming the kingdom of satan. Even satan's own kingdom can't stand divided.

It's at this point that Jesus reveals the method that the enemy uses to divide and conquer the home: "No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house." (Mark 3:27).

In the biblical sense, "strong man" means mighty! It means powerful! "Strong man" doesn't mean tyrant in biblical terms. It means valiant! In a traditional home, that's you Daddy! No dad in the home? That's you Mama! You're the strength of that home!

And that's exactly where satan begins his work. The enemy's strategy starts with attempts to bind the strong man. It doesn't matter your position at work, position in the church, or even in society; if the enemy can bind the position of strength in the home, then, according to Jesus, "...he (satan) will spoil his house."

Review

Satan's first step: Bind the strong man.

Satan's second step: Spoil everything that's valued by the strong man—his family, his faith, his whole life—spoiled.

If the strength of that home is bound by any vice of the enemy, the home can now be spoiled. It's cause enough for warning. "Stay strong, Daddy! Stay strong, Mama! There's too much at stake!"

There's so much to pray for. So much! Daddy, staying strong means time spent kneeling and weeping in front of God, next to that easy chair or next to your bedside, asking God for wisdom and direction. Mama, staying strong means you've taken time to weep, asking God for His help, especially in raising those babies.

There are a lot of scriptures that could be quoted right now, but for the moment, please know that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalms 46:1).

The Lord. He is our strength. Stay with Him, and you will stay strong!

-Exodus 15:2	-Psalms 29:11	-Isaiah 12:2
-1 Chronicles 16:11	-Psalms 41:3	-Isaiah 30:15
-Psalms 18:2	-Psalms 78:4	-Isaiah 45:24
-Psalms 19:14	-Psalms 105:4	-Joel 3:16
-Psalms 20:6	-Psalms 118:14	-Habakkuk 3:19
-Psalms 27:14	-Psalms 140:7	-2 Corinthians 12:9
-Psalms 28:7	-Psalms 144:1	-2 Timothy 4:17
-Psalms 28:8	-Proverbs 10:29	