

Judas Iscariot was a member of the most celebrated ministerial team in history. It is evident from the biblical account that he had a conflict of interest as he went about his tasks with the other disciples. He was ambitious and probably often fantasized concerning what his position would be when the earthly kingdom was at last established. When his hope faded that his dream would come true, he became hostile and aggressive towards the Lord Jesus Christ. He probably rationalized that his betrayal was justified by the circumstances. It is also probable that his suicide was a final display of self-pity calculated to further wound those who thwarted his plans. The sequence often follows the pattern illustrated below:

