

Ps. 11:7 - "The Lord is righteous. . . upright men will see His face." Those who obey the Lord will ultimately triumph.

David comforted his own heart by meditating on the reality of God's sovereignty. He knew that the Kingdom could not be destroyed unless God allowed such a thing to happen.

While the love of God provides the means by which a person can appreciate his colleagues and even put them before himself, the sovereignty of God assures such a one that nothing can happen to his ministry or the welfare of God's people apart from divine rule.

#### Preventing Conflicts Caused by Status Seeking and Frustration

Conflicts that are caused by frustration and status seeking can also be avoided by a change of heart. There are two additional factors that if observed, will greatly help to avoid occasions for such conflict.

#### Preventing Conflict Through a Proper Concept of Leadership

A leader is someone who influences people to cooperate in pursuing certain objectives. A Christian leader is one whose influence is biblically correct and which is primarily spiritual in nature. He is one who motivates people to cooperate with him and each other in pursuing goals that will glorify God and advance Christ's Kingdom. The model for the Christian leader must be Christ Himself, and ideally the Christian leader's influence will be an extension of the Lord's influence upon others through him.