

V. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The increasing interest in teamwork is a welcomed trend. However, such a trend brings with it the increased incidence of interpersonal conflict. This factor should not discourage those interested in cooperative ministries. It should rather be a stimulus to a greater interest in working out ways to demonstrate the hallmark of Christian discipleship which is love for one another, (John 15:12).

The real cause of destructive conflict among Christians is sin. The seat of sin is the deceitfully wicked human heart. Methods that attempt to bring about harmonious relations within a group of people without considering this factor may treat outward symptoms but neglect the root of the problem. The emphasis of this ^{manual} ~~paper~~ has been on the inner attitudes that constitute the real cause of destructive conflict.

Awareness of the motives of sin within the heart is the initial step in conflict prevention. The chapter on the Nature and Causes of Conflict provides material to increase such awareness. Readers are encouraged to review this section periodically as a kind of check list which would help in the identification and avoidance of potential problems.