

Scripture when we see that we are His body and He is the head, and if we are in vital union with Him, and as you are, then no matter what your personality, or what mind, or what direction you may be going, if we can put it in those terms, we can still be having perfect unity and oneness together.

JG: What particular tensions arise in teamwork between a team leader and those who are following his directions? Have you observed conflicts relating to envy, bitterness, fear and the like?

GM: I think these kinds of things are always potentially there. Of course, the key again, like I just said, is that each person is walking close to the Lord. Many times teamwork can militate against that in that my warped natural mind tells me, "Well, since we are working together as a team, I don't have to be quite as cast on the Lord as I would be if I was all by myself somewhere, because there is somebody else somewhere that is going to pick up the ball if I drop it." Of course, that is wrong thinking. When we kind of tend to spend less time with the Lord, then we tend to have more problems, or course, with one another, and jealousy and envy or feeling slighted, all that kind of thing comes many times from the fact that we're thinking more of ourselves than we are thinking of the Lord and His work, and His kingdom, and His glory. Let's say we have been slighted, badly slighted. That at the same time can have a limited effect in the unity of the team, if the person who is slighted takes it to the Lord and accepts it and says, "Lord, you went through a lot worse than this, and I just want to follow you," rather than fighting back and saying, "I've been slighted." That kind of thing. Conflict many times comes because one person steps out of his place, and therefore, the other person that's affected, steps out of his place in order to come back at them and of course, that's where great conflict comes, especially in a marriage situation. Perhaps the husband doesn't love his wife the way the Bible says and so the wife says, "I'm not going to be in subjection to him then." Then the conflict is great. If she maintains her being in subjection to him as Scripture says, even if he doesn't love her, the conflict that will be there will be far more limited than it would be if both of them leave the place that God has told them to have. One of the reasons for conflict is that some team leaders, or leaders in any sphere, don't take the time personally with the people that they are leading as they should. I've come to see, although I've never been a pastor of a church, that one large part of being a team leader is being a pastor to your own team, and spending the time that it takes, and I tell you it has been amazing. I've come to see since we have our team, that teamwork is not easier. It's harder, but it's better, but when we say that teamwork is better and more effective, I hope people don't get the impression that it means it is easier. It's not; it's much harder. It's