

calculated to cause them discomfort and to reduce their following.

In a team effort it is usually the case that certain members receive more public recognition and admiration than do others. In some cases certain team members may receive more acclaim than the team leader or other veteran members. This situation has a high potential for "envy and strife" unless the passed-over members can handle the matter with grace and understanding.

There is fierce competition in the evangelical world today for minds, bodies, and money. Big crowds, big budgets, big properties seem to be the measure of spiritual success. In the pursuit of such success it is not uncommon that tactics are employed to bloody a rival and take his spoils. The most common method is to convince others through propaganda that the rival is unworthy of support for one reason or the other. At times this is done in the interest of "standing for the truth." There is, of course, a legitimate exposure of evil and a need to warn the sheep of real wolves but all that is done under this banner is not legitimate.

A rivalry between two well known Christian leaders in recent days has led to extremes on the part of some of their supporters. At a large meeting of ministers, a spokesman for one of the leaders railed against his opponent in an address calculated to win the loyalty of those present. At one point, he took a publication edited by the rival and threw it to the platform and jumped up and down on top of it. He closed his message with an invitation. All those who would pledge their loyalty to the man he represented were to come