

right, but scrupulously seeks to observe the rights of others. In a truly Christian environment, individual rights are not protected so much by oneself as they are by others. Even though a man abandons all selfish claims, his fellow believers treat him as a king, or so it should be.

Love does not lie or deceive. In Lev. 19:11b-12, God commands, "Do not lie. Do not deceive one another. Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD."

These commands relate to the various ways communication can be used to distort reality for some selfish purpose. In Eph. 4:25, the apostle deals with a problem that disrupted the Ephesian assembly. He says, ". . . each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

Some of the common ways that this principle is broken in teamwork would include the following examples.

a. Team members should not talk about an associate to others, saying things and giving an impression that is quite different from what is said to that person face to face. A person working in a subordinate position may be very quiet about things that bother him when in a staff meeting or in conversation with the senior pastor, but he may unload his cares and criticisms on another team member. The team leader is oblivious to his discontent, thinking that all is well. Such a tactic may breed further trouble if the complaints are shared with others outside the circle of the team.