

The principle could also be applied to subordinates in that they would be obligated to give an honest days work for their wages. In one of the team situations observed, a subordinate was dismissed because he invested so little time and effort in the work given him.

Love does not play favorites. Lev. 19:14 & 15 says, "Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God, I am the LORD. Do not pervert justice: do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly."

This command requires putting off prejudice and treating people as God would treat them. James 2:1-13 provides a commentary on this principle. Fairness is another necessary element in harmonious interpersonal relations.

Love does not slander another. John Sanderson comments:

. . . the sin of character assassination, or of loose talking which leads to the discrediting of an individual is widespread in Christian circles, so much so that in church disputes it is frequently difficult to get at the truth of a matter. Loose talking should be countered by a scrupulous concern for the truth and for the sacred name of the person, whether we like him or not, whether he is on our 'side' or not, he bears the image of God, and his name and reputation are worth preserving.¹²

Ministers who work together are obliged to provide an example of how love protects the name of another. If those who are expected to provide spiritual leadership slander one another, the congregation

¹² John W. Sanderson, The Fruit of the Spirit, (Grand Rapids; Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1972), p. 53.