

This is so very important because it is a principle so often ignored. People say that they have forgotten, but in situations where they need ammunition against another person, there is the tendency to reach back in the memory and resurrect supposedly dead issues. Such a practice must be very offensive to a God who, because of His holiness and justice, is incapable of doing such a thing.

d. Restoration

In some cases, restoration may involve restitution. If public confession or apologies to other people are necessary to normalize the situation, they should be given without hesitation.

Biblical Examples of Conflict Resolution

Numbers 12 - Moses, Miriam and Aaron

Numbers chapter 12 illustrates how God Himself resolved a conflict involving His servants.

Moses, Miriam and Aaron formed a leadership team set over Israel by the Lord. It is obvious that Moses was the team leader and that Miriam and Aaron worked with him under his leadership. On this occasion the team subordinates spoke against the team leader, "Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses..." It is assumed that this talk was with others behind Moses' back. It is possible that it was talk confined to the two jealous subordinates but it probably went further.

This is an all too common scenario of team work. Disgruntled subordinates communicate their dissatisfaction to each other and to