

to grow like weeds in a summer garden. The ally of the weeds is the neglect of the gardener and in the end, they take over and the garden becomes a disaster area. Frequent team meetings need to be held to facilitate both the cultivation of good relationships and the pulling out of young weeds that will grow if neglected.

e. Moses meekness.

As has been seen, meekness is needed by both leaders and followers if relations are to be harmonious. Moses stands as a peerless Old Testament example of a strong leader who was gentle in his dealings with people who worked with and under him.

In a situation where many leaders would be vindictive, Moses was forgiving and concerned for the well-being of the offenders. Here there is no call to contrast God's anger with Moses pleading for Miriam. Both anger against sin and Moses' meekness had their origin in the character of God. Moses meekness was the fruit of the Holy Spirit's work in his life.

Team leaders and team members have the same Holy Spirit indwelling them as did Moses. Insurrection is a great blow to a leader and will usually produce a considerable amount of anger. Sinful human nature will think "revenge." This is why conflict situations must cause those involved to flee to the Lord for grace. Much harm can be done in the heat of such a problem. A cooling off period in which time the team members spend time alone with the Lord, is appropriate and necessary.