

Rescued from Rivals

1 Kings 1.4-53

1. Conflict occurs when we put ourselves forward, vs 5-6

instead of allowing God to lead

1 Pet 5.6; 3 John 9;

1 Cor 1.1; 15.9-10

he chooses our roles for us

aim to serve, not promote yourself

Phil 2.3-8

the peril of an undisciplined

upbringing, v6

Prov 22.15; 23.13-14; 29.15

2. Conflict escalates when we recruit others to our cause, vs 7-10

➤ *key personnel: religious, military*

v7

when others don't join in -

division! v8-10

true spirituality is always inclusive

**3. Conflict needs to be confronted
for God's will to prevail, vs 11-27**

- *be alert to the dangers vs 11-12*
- *devise a counter-strategy vs 13-27*

**4. Conflict needs to be resolved
through clear, decisive action,
vs 28-40**

- *act swiftly to avoid confusion*

**5. Conflict creators need to
be brought back into line, vs 41-53**

- *support for God's anointed v53*