

Title: **THE FIRST IN HIS OWN CAUSE**
Text: Proverbs 18:17
Theme: How to be a good friend
Teaching:

I. "His case" – there is a difference of opinion
Proverbs 18:17b

II. "The first to plead" – there is the first to speak
Proverbs 18:17a

III. "Seems right" – there is an assessment
Proverbs 18:17c, Proverbs 21:2

VI. "Until another comes and examines him" – there is a second opinion
Proverbs 18:17d

VII. Guidance from God's Word
James 1:19

Thought: Conflict plus love equals growth.
-Westy Egmont, *Leadership*, Vol. 1, no. 2.