

Reading: I Corinthians 3:1-11

Topic: The Importance of Teamwork

INTRODUCTION: Any ministry, project or endeavor that is going to be successful must _____ the importance and effectiveness of _____ together as a team.

I. WORKING TOGETHER:

A. Not In Competition:

1. We live in a very competitive society, where individualism is promoted in the “Me _____” and people will strive to become number _____ at the expense of others. 2 Tim. 3:2
2. Jesus trained and taught His followers that striving to compete for the _____ spot was not acceptable in His kingdom, but instead the exalted position was to be a _____ of all. Mk. 10:42-44
3. The church in Corinth was a very powerful church when it came to _____ gifts and manifestations but they were rebuked for their competitive and _____ spirits that hurt the church. I Cor. 3:1-4

B. Completing & Complimenting:

1. When spiritual maturity comes to a _____, people have grown to understand that every member of the Body of Christ is _____ and necessary for the work of God to be done successfully. I Cor. 3:6-9
2. Winning teams understand that team _____ is more important than the _____ of any one individual, and when each member of the team does their _____ victory is the result. Jg. 7:21
3. The goal of every _____ of the church should be the saving of lost _____ and the making of each of them into _____ who in turn will become _____ winners themselves. Mt. 28:19,20

II. IMPORTANT KEYS IN TEAMWORK:

A. Develop the People That God Gives:

1. Each of the people that Jesus saves has potential to become very effective _____ and ministers in the work of God and patience is needed to develop and _____ them for ministry. I Tim. 1:12,13
2. New converts are raw materials and they will make _____ as they begin to live for God, but instead of throwing them away, they need to be helped and _____ to do right. Prov. 25:11
3. When the team helps the new ones to do _____, it makes the whole ministry and work of God do better and be more powerful and effective.

B. Listening:

1. No one individual has all of the answers when it comes to _____, but when collectively the minds of members join together in _____ and Spirit led discussion, inspiration comes. Acts 13:1,2
2. Every member of the Body of Christ, or the team if you will, has something to _____ to the ministry, and the opportunity for expressing of _____ should always be available.
3. Listening is also very important when one member of the team or the Body of Christ is _____ through a difficult _____ - they need someone to lean on. Gal. 6:1,2

C. Communication:

1. When a church or _____ is still _____, communication is not usually a problem, but as the

church grows and ministries _____ within the Body of Christ, communication becomes more of a challenge.

2. Good communication is vital to good _____, for it is essential that each ministry and each member within the ministry avoid confusion and _____ because of miscommunication.
3. Lack of good communication causes unnecessary misunderstandings and _____ which could have been avoided through a _____ call or conversation.
4. Communication also makes the people on the _____ feel included and needed as part of the ministry, whereas when there is no communication, it breeds the feelings of isolation and neglect.

D. Celebrate Victories Together:

1. When a breakthrough and victory occurs, everyone should _____ together for when one member does well, the _____ team is benefited, and when one ministry team has a breakthrough, the entire Body of Christ is benefited and lifted up. I Cor. 12:26, Rom. 12:15
2. Compliment people when they do _____, for often people are corrected and chastised for messing up, but not complimented for doing something _____.

CONCLUSION: Great teamwork in a church involves:

- a. Members of a _____ working as a _____.
- b. Ministries themselves working as a _____.
- c. Leaders of ministries working as a _____.