

## The Power of Team Work

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Read **Mark 16:9-20**

**(Mark 16:20)** And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

The Lord works in us and through us. God will do things in your life that you cannot imagine.

God does not work through one person at the time. Most of the time in the Bible that God works through team work. Notice that Jesus never walk alone.

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>WORK</b>
(11 Disciples)	(Lord)

*What is a team?* A team is a group of independent individuals.

A team must have **common goal** and **communication**.

### Values in a TEAM

#### 1. Function as a ministry.

**(Romans 12:4)** For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

**(Romans 12:5)** so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

No individual is strong in every aspect. No one is exclusive of one another.

#### 2. Accomplish much more than separate individuals.

**(Mark 6:2)** And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!"

### What are the 8 values in succeeding in team work?

#### 1. Trust

Trust is what relationships build on. All relationship is built on a common ground of trust.

**(Philippians 2:19)** But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

**(Philippians 2:20)** For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

Trust translates to confidence.

Because of mistrust ... it will cause stagnation and will eventually destroy relationships.

How will your friend trust you, is when you are consistent in who you are.

## **2. Example**

In life we are not to be explained but to be example; to be role model.

Personality is not substitute for character.

Character is who you are on the inside. Personality is who you are on the outside.

Be an example in the area of ...

- **Speech** – Are you an encourager?
- **Conduct** – How you behave towards others?
- **Love** – Are you sincere to others?
- **Spirit** – The spirit you carry to communicate with one another, even with unbelievers.
- **Forgiveness** – Are you readily willing to forgive others? Accept others for who they are.
- **Enthusiasm** – Are you expectant?
- **Purity** – Conduct yourself in a holy manner because God is a holy God.

## **3. Affirmation (Appreciation)**

Appreciation is a power. You cause the person that you treasure to rise in value when you appreciate the person

*“The deepest principal in the human life is appreciation.”*

Affirm in others their...

- **Efforts**
- **Loyalty**
- **Differences**
- **Ideas**

Affirmation brings rest and assurance.

#### 4. Mistake Management

*"Don't ever call it a mistake, call it an education."* – **Thomas Edison**

Can you manage your mistakes well?

#### 5. Weekly Meetings

**(Hebrews 10:25)** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Weekly meetings are interdependency.

The way God organizes His successful people is by weekly meetings.

#### 6. Open Communication

One who fails to have open communication will become presumptuous, impatient and proud.

Something about impatience...

People can **listen** to 650 words per minute.

People can **speak** 150 words per minute.

People tend to **think** before people speak. And when you think too much, you will **conclude** before people speak. Because people know they can listen more than they can speak.

#### 7. Recognition

Recognition is something like affirmation. However, recognition builds spirit while affirmation just only appreciates.

Do not deprive anyone of recognition. Give it as much as you can and best if you give it in public.

#### 8. Knowledge

Knowledge is the key to power.

**(Proverbs 18:15)** The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

## Conclusion...

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(**John 9:1**) Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

(**John 9:2**) And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

(**John 9:3**) Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

(**John 9:4**) I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

(**John 9:5**) As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Smart is smart. But only when you are **with God** that you are smarter.

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