

#### Teamwork

• Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - "Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up."

# Biblical Examples of Teamwork

- Luke 5:10-11 And so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.
- 1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.
- Nehemiah 4:6 So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

### There is no "I" in Teamwork

• Ephesians 4:3 - Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

# In Congregations – Teamwork is a MUST

• Matthew 12:25 - "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand."

#### Hindrances to Teamwork

- A spirit of self-centeredness will inhibit teamwork.
- People who feel they have to be the "Star performer" will hinder the proper spirit of teamwork.
- People who are not considerate of others will hinder the spirit of teamwork.
- People who will not work.
- People who possess a critical spirit will hinder teamwork.
- People who seek to be preeminent, will hinder the harmony of teamwork.
- ➤ 3 John 9 I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.

#### Hindrances to Teamwork

- 1. People who do not care.
- 2. People who will not show up for the work to be done.
- 3. People who offer more excuses than effort.
- 4. People who are not encouraging of the efforts of others.

➤1 Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals.

# Essentials (Ingredients) to Good Teamwork

- 1. A right desire to cooperate with others.
- 2. A strong confidence in other members of the team.
- 3. The best effort in everything you do.
- ➤ Galatians 6:9-10 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

#### Successful Teamwork – Desire to Finish the Task

- Nehemiah 4:6 So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.
- 2 Timothy 4: 6-8 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

### Successful Teamwork - Patience

- Members of the team develop at different rates.
- 1. Some are mature Christians.
- 2. Others are babes in Christ.
- 3. Some have been taught over many years.
- 4. Some are just beginning to learn.
- Ephesians 4:2 With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love.

### Successful Teamwork - Contentment

- Be content with the part you play in moving the church forward.
- See your role as important . . . It really is!



Together as a unified unit of brethren.

**E**ach one of us . . . Hopefully Everyone of us.

Achieving the work God has set before us.

**Mo**re than we could ever do on our own

Working the mighty work of God

Overcoming the opposition of the evil one.

Relying upon God's Will, God's Word, God's Power

**Ki**ngdom growth and people are led to salvation