

# **A MISSIONS TEAM MINISTRY**

## **Colossians 4:7-14**

**Tonight let us consider some elements that Paul reveals about an effective missions team ministry.**

### **I. TEAM MEMBERSHIP** - Consider I Corinthians 12:18-20

But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body.

#### **A. THE INDIVIDUALS**

#### **B. THE DIVERSITY**

1. Cultural differences: Jews with Gentiles
2. Spiritual differences: The mature with the immature
3. Ministerial differences: The experienced and inexperienced
4. Commitment differences: The faithful with the faulty

### **II. TEAM SPECIALTIES** - See Romans 12:3-4

For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function ....

#### **A. THE CATEGORIES**

1. Administration (7-9)
2. Evangelism (10-11)
3. Intercession (12-13)
4. Medicine (14)

#### **B. THE BLESSINGS**

1. People are informed (7-9)
2. People are saved (10-11)
3. People are prayed for (12-13)
4. People are being cared for (14)

### III. **TEAM RELATIONSHIPS** - Note II Timothy 2:2

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

#### A. THE PARTNERSHIPS

1. Tychicus with Onesimus (7-9)
2. Aristarchus with Mark (10)
3. Luke with Demas (14)

#### B. THE MENTORING

1. These relationships are biblical. - Note Heb. 10:23-24
2. These relationships provide personal contact and accountability.
3. These relationships provide great joy for those who watch the immature grow. - See III John 4

### IV. **TEAM LEADERSHIP** - See Ephesians 4:11-12

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

#### A. PAUL'S AWARENESS

- He knows who is involved and how they serve.

#### B. PAUL'S APPRECIATION

- He makes thoughtful comments about many of his coworkers.

#### C. PAUL'S ADMINISTRATION

- Every team needs a coach.

## **CONCLUSION:**

### **Consider I Corinthians 3:9a**

“For we are God's fellow workers ...” (NKJV)

“For we are laborers together with God ...” (KJV)

### **How are you contributing?**

### **Will you make a commitment?**

I will contribute to the work of God and cooperate with others in completing the tasks He calls us to do.

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