

PHILOSOPHY OF SERVICE: CHEMISTRY PART 2

3 KEY STEPS TO ATTAIN CHEMISTRY

*Teamwork does not happen instantly; it can only be developed over time.
It will require consistent effort
and a willingness to work through disagreements.
Teamwork can only be cultivated through deliberate surrendering
of the "ME" for the good of the "WE"
Without humility and grace from all members, it cannot be achieved.*

*DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
"We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."*

HOW DO I INCREASE IN BECOMING A TEAM PLAYER?

1. ACT UPON CLARITY

KNOW THE PURPOSE, THE MISSION, THE VISION

PHILIPPIANS 1:27, NIV

... that you stand firm in the one Spirit,
striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.

*ANDREW CARNEGIE (Father of American steel)
"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision.
The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives.
It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."*

KNOW YOUR ROLE

EPHESIANS 4:16

16 From him the whole body, ...grows and builds itself up in love,
as each part does its work.

ROMANS 12:5-8

5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others.
6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.
If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;
7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;
8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement;
if it is giving, then give generously;
if it is to lead, do it diligently;
if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.



HEBREWS 13:17

17 Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority,
because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.
Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden,
for that would be of no benefit to you.

2. ASPIRE FOR HUMILITY

Where there is pride there is DISUNITY.

GALATIANS 5:19-20, ERV

19 The wrong things the sinful self does are clear: ...
20 ... hating, making trouble, being jealous, being angry, being selfish,
making people angry with each other, causing divisions among people...

C.S.LEWIS:

*'Pride gets no pleasure out of having something,
only out of having more of it than the next person.
We say that people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not.
They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others.
If everyone else became equally rich, or clever, or good-looking
there would be nothing to be proud about.'*

ROMANS 12:16

16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud,
but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

PHILIPPIANS 2:2-8

2 make my joy complete by being like-minded,
... being one in spirit and of one mind.
3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
4 not looking to your own interests
but each of you to the interests of the others.
5 have the same mindset as Christ Jesus -
7 ... he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,...
8. And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself...

HUMILITY is not INFERIORITY

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself;
it is thinking of yourself less."

3. AIM FOR MATURITY

EPHESIANS 4:3-6

- ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope
⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all,

2 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11

- ¹⁰ what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—
I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,
¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us.
For we are not unaware of his schemes.

THE NUMBER ONE WEAPON OF SATAN against the CHURCH IS DISUNITY

MARK 3:24-25

- ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Aesop

"United we stand, divided we fall."

Martin Luther King Jr.

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

Benjamin Franklin

"We must, indeed, all hang together, or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately."

PSALM 133:1-3

- ¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
² It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Running down on the beard,
The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his garments.
³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the Lord commanded the blessing—
Life forevermore.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Share: If you are given a project, would you rather work alone or with the group, and why?
2. Read: Galatians 5:19-20 and Philippians 2:2-8
What are the signs of a prideful attitude? How can you overcome pride and learn to value others?