

5 Laws of Serve Team

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LAW #1 Never Serve Alone

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Isolation leads to a lot of problems

Feelings of being forgotten, I don't know what I am doing, I want to quit.

Bad practices of doing things your own way and going off course.

Lone Rangers love to serve alone

Practical Steps

Pair with someone

Resist the temptation to throw people in... "They will catch on quickly"

LAW #2 We Train First

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

When we don't train first

We are telling people we just need the position filled.

Quality always suffers.

We run the risk of embarrassing them.

Someone could get hurt

Practical Steps

Shadow First

Do the hard work of thinking through training

Resist the urge to rush

LAW #3 People Over Positions

Scripture: Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

When we value positions over people

They can always tell

We miss the impact we can make

We short-change everyone.

Practical Steps

Put people into positions they will thrive not an empty slot

Invest in them personally

Follow up outside of church

LAW #4 Communicate Well

Scripture: Proverbs 24:27

Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for yourself in the field, and after that build your house.

When we fail to communicate well

We cause frustration

The ball will get dropped

We run around looking silly

We miss the chance to invest in people

We miss out on the biggest impact

Practical Steps

3 Months, 3 Weeks, 3 Days

Last-minute scheduling causes us all to look bad

Create clear ways to communicate and stick with it.

LAW #5 No More Superheroes

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-13

1 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

When we try to be the superhero

We are missing the point of our job

We are taking someone else's spot

We cannot accomplish all God wants to do

Practical Steps

Stop being the one who "does" and be the one who "equips"

Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Follow the first 4 laws and this will work itself out