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Introduction

There are all sorts of 'teams' in life. Sooner or later everyone becomes a team player. Some people join little league teams, college sport teams, professional sport teams, while others join the chess club or marching band teams. These are the more obvious teams. Whereas the not so obvious, is like the various community teams or even the local Girl Scouts. Regardless of the situation, gender or even one's age, everyone is a team player in one way or another. Before we look at how to become better team players we were designed to be, let us first define what a team actually is.



Basically a team consist of a group of people (at least two) who work together for a common goal. The main purpose of a team is to achieve the team's common goal. A team brings people together. There are many types and all sorts of



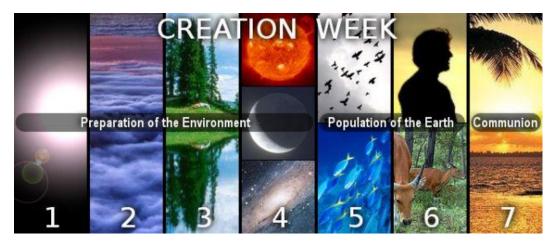
teams; the work team, play team, home team, music band, business team, crew, company, squad, sports and medical team. Then there is the husband and wife team. The great family team. There are also spiritual teams; such as congregations or assemblies.

The Perfect Father & Son Team

Yahuwah and Yahushua are a team. The most important team however, is Yahushua and the Bride team. Let us review some awesome teams found within the Scriptures. The very first team to ever exist, is the Father (Yahuwah) and Son (Yahushua) team:

Yahushua responded and said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son is able to do none at all by Himself, but only that which He sees the Father doing, because whatever He does, the Son also likewise does. "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all that He Himself does. And greater works than these He is going to show Him, in order that you marvel. "For as the Father raises the dead and makes alive, even so the Son makes alive whom He wishes. "For the Father judges no one, but has given all the judgment to the Son, that all should value the Son even as they value

the Father. He who does not value the Son does not value the Father who sent Him." -Yohanan|John 5:19-23



From the beginning, both the Father and Son (Elohim) were working together in creating an inhabited home for humanity (planet earth). Of course, the Father gave the ultimate acceptance by declaring, *"that it was good!*" (Bereshith|Genesis 1:31). Nothing was created without the Son's involvement. *"All came through Him"* (Yohanan|John 1:3) including humanity:

"And Elohim said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the livestock, and over all the



Adam was created out of dust

earth and over all the creeping creatures that creep on the earth. And Elohim created the man in His image, in the image of Elohim He created him – male and female He created them. And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said to them, "Bear fruit and increase, and fill the earth and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over all creatures moving on the earth." And Elohim said, "See, I have given you every plant that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed, to you it is for food. "And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to every creeping creature on the earth, in which there is life, every green plant is for food." And it came to be so. And Elohim saw all that He had made, and see, it was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the sixth day." -Bereshith|Genesis 1:26-31

Clearly, we see the Father and Son team working together during creation week. The very first team they created was the Husband and Wife team!

"So the man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the heavens, and to every beast of the field. But for the man there was not found a helper for him, as his counterpart. So Yahuwah Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he slept. And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. And the rib which Yahuwah Elohim had taken from the man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one is called 'woman,' because she was taken out of man." For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife, and they shall <u>become one flesh</u>." -Bereshith|Genesis 2:20-24



HalleluYah! Praise Yahuwah for giving men help meets. A wife completes a man. Amazing things occur when the husband and wife team work together in unity. This team is fascinating! The purpose of the husband and wife team is to bring forth children

(Bereshith|Genesis 1:28; Malachi

2:14-16). Truly, each birth is a miracle! The parents' job is to provide a loving environment to raise their children. The family unit becomes a team with Dad as the leader, Mom next in command and then the children (Ephesians 5:23). The children should be trained up (Mishle|Proverbs 22:6) according to Yahuwah's way. The ultimate goal for the husband and wife to is to bring their children into the Body of Mashiach. The offspring should become active team players in Yahuwah's team! When the family team works in love, they will accomplish a lot.

A Team Ordained by the Messiah

Another fascinating team found within the Scriptures is Yahushua and His 12 taught ones (disciples). He handpicked these men.

"And having called His twelve taught ones near, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every bodily weakness. And these are the names of the twelve emissaries: first, Shim'on, who is called Kepha, and Andri his brother; Ya'aqob the son of Zabdai, and Yohanan his brother; Philip and Bartholomi; T'oma and Mattithyahu the tax collector; Ya'aqob the son of Alphai, and Labai whose last name was Taddai; Shim'on the Kena'anite, and Yehudah from Qerioth, who did also deliver Him up. Yahushua sent these twelve out, having commanded them, saying, "Do not go into the way of the gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Shomeronites, but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Yisra'ěl. "And as you go, proclaim, saying, 'The reign of the heavens has drawn near.' "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. You have received without paying, give without being paid." – MattithYahu|Matthew 10:1-8



Together they worked as a unified team, in announcing to the world "the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" (MattithYahu|Matthew 10:7). They were indeed head turners. Wherever they went, people flocked to them. Through Yahushua they were able to do impossible things. They healed the sick, raised the dead, gave sight to the blind, the possible lame was able to walk, fed a multitude at any given time and even had the power to cast out demons. This team was not your normal street gang. They were spectacular, doing the impossible through Yahushua! Together they moved mountains! They shook the religious establishment of their day. What started out as a dozen, quickly escalating to something much more astonishing. Yahushua gathered a team of 70 and sent them out two by two. This was a team within a team, many times over!

"And after this the Master <u>appointed seventy</u> <u>others</u>, and <u>sent them two by two</u> ahead of Him

into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, "The harvest indeed is great, but the workers are few, therefore pray the Master of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest. "Go! See, I send you out as lambs into the midst of wolves. "Do not take a purse, nor a bag, nor sandals. And greet no one along the way. "And whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' "And if indeed a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest on it; and if not, it shall return to you. "And stay in the same house, eating and drinking whatever with them, for the labourer is worthy of his wages. Do not move from house to house. "And into whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat whatever is placed before you, and heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The reign of Elohim has come near to you." -Luke 10:1-9

Here an imperfect team, working together was able to achieve a miraculous outcome. The team that Yahushua put together grew even after He ascended to the right hand of the Father. As outlined in Acts chapter two, the very first Shavuot, a multitude converted in a single speech. This was an amazing and marvelous life changing event for everyone present that day.

Throughout the pages of the Scriptures we learn of many teams. These teams joined people together for many diverse reasons. There were the Priests, the various armies, groups of people joining together to build the Temple and even the city wall. Let us not forget, the two witnesses and the 144,000; whom are both mentioned in the book of Revelation. All of these teams having a heart to work together in achieving greater things not possible if they were sought after alone.



There's Power in Great Numbers

A team that has a mutual commitment will perform greater deeds than a single individual. This is because as a team, resources such as the different skills needed to complete a task, job or project will be better. More people, equals more resources. As a whole, the team will receive

rewards. The main benefit of having team players, is that each team member has different skills. These skills should be combined, helping each other in different areas as merging together so the team



can be stronger. Team players should put personal goals to the side to strive for the common goal. For instance, let's say, Bobby the soccer player wants to be the star player. He truly believes he is a superior player better than the other team players. So he begins to hog the ball during all the games. He won't even pass the ball. Over time, Bobby starts to become irritable lashing out at the other team players as his body begins to feel the effects of over working itself. Eventually the entire team suffers! I'm sure many of us have met at least one Bobby in our day. Clearly, having personal self-interest goals can be disastrous for an entire team. That fact remains, there is no such thing as a 'one-man team'! Scriptures state, "For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in their midst." (Matthew 18:20)

Two is all that is needed to make a team! A team so powerful that two in Yahuwah can, "*put ten thousand to flight*" (Deuteronomy 30:32). Ponder, how much more our team could do when we are great in numbers?

Destroyed From Within



Entering into these last days, there are a few extremely important matters the Body of Mashiach need to comprehend. Especially when it comes to teamwork. For instance, there was a great battle in the shamayim (heaven) that took place between Lucifer and Yahuwah. We all pretty much know the terrible events that took place. One became proud, thinking they could do a better job than the current Founder. What soon followed was total rebellion and anarchy. This battle started when Lucifer decided that it would:

".... Let me go up to the heavens, let me raise my throne above the stars of Ěl, and let me sit in the mount of meeting on the sides of the north; let me go up above the heights of the clouds, let me be like the Most High.' -YeshaYahu|Isaiah 14:13-14

When this cherub rebelled, Lucifer deceived one third of the entire messengers (angelic beings) to come join its team (Revelation 12:4). When thrown down to earth, (YeshaYahu|Isaiah 14:12; Luke 10:18, Revelation 9:1)



that serpent the devil, known as Satan has been persuading and enticing a multitude ever since. Lucifer is gathering up a team to try to defeat, trick and destroy mankind and overthrow Yahuwah's ways! What started out in the Garden of Eden has carried in to modern times. Either through trickery or flat out defiance against the Most High, people continue to give their allegiance to the fallen messenger. Satan's famous half-truth, *"You shall be like*" *Elohim*" (Bereshith|Genesis 3:5, 3:22) in that Eloah knows that in the day you eat thereof your eyes will be open to know good and evil. Their eyes were indeed opened. They knew good and evil. Adam and Hawwah have not been the only ones. The fallen star, Lucifer has destroyed and lead myriads of souls into rebellion and damnation:

"Enter in through the narrow gate! Because the gate is wide – and the way is broad – that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter in through it. "Because the gate is narrow and the way is hard pressed which leads to life, and there are few who find it." –MattithYahu|Matthew 7:13-14

Whether we want to admit it or not, Satan's team is ever increasing. Now more than ever, many are indeed joining the dark side. They publically show their allegiance through various symbolic hand symbols and gestures.



Without full repentance their final destination is a place Yahushua referred to as "gnashing of teeth" (MattithYahu|Matthew 25:41) and a "place of torment" (2 Thessalonians 1:8,9). There are plenty of articles on the subject of hell. Yet, regardless of those various views, hell is certainly not a place to be. Hell is a very real place that I personally do not want to see anyone go there; myself included.

For this very reason, us Called Out Ones, have a very important job to do. We are indeed Temple Builders on an ever increasing team. Despite the numbers being against us as we are few, nevertheless, **"If Yahuwah is for us, who is against us?"** (Romans 8:31). The battle has already been won. Yet we are in a great need to be better team players.

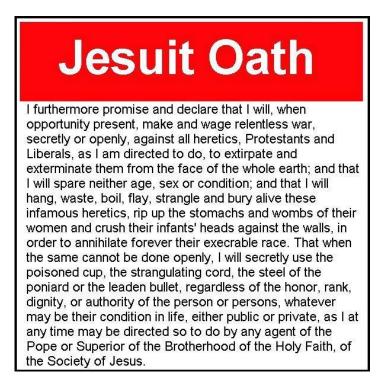


See, by being the best team players, our team will grow substantially.

This isn't to say our team will not face obstacles. The other team plays dirty. The Elite have a clear agenda that involves bringing in the biggest illusion of all time, convincing the world that the fallen star is indeed the long awaited Messiah! This will be a reign of terror like never before recorded throughout all of history.

Most members of Satan's team are like chameleons, always changing to adapt to their environment.

Comprehending this we can easily see that Satan has its pawns spread out through all groups, denominations, religious establishments, churches, assemblies and congregations! The Jesuits along with witches and those in the occult have infiltrated into every single group out there. From reading the Jesuit oath, we can get a clear idea of just how evil these people really are:



Satan's goal is to bring as many as it can to the dark side through deceit, trickery, lies and through the various divide and conquer schemes. For this reason, the tares are growing in the midst of the wheat (MattithYahu|Matthew 13:25). Our job is to use "discernment" in knowing who is on our team and who is an imposter.

Yet, other members of Lucifer's team, don't wear any

mask at all. What you see is what you get it! The majority of all Satan's team players obtain secret insight by tapping into divination in all its various ugly forms. Which is why you need to study every form of worship and every ritual in your life to



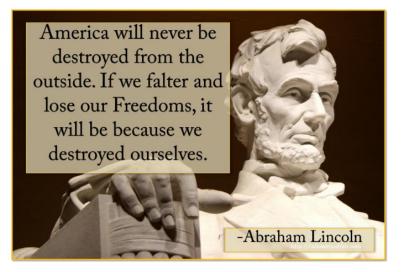
make sure you are not unknowingly on Satan's team!



Brothers and Sisters, there is a real battle taking place between the two teams! Each team is trying to gain members. Either into the coming kingdom or into hell! Yahushua told us:

"Every reign divided against itself is laid waste, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. "<u>And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided</u> <u>against himself</u>. How then does his reign stand? "And if I, by Be'elzebul, do cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Because of this they shall be your judges." –MattithYahu|Matthew 12:25-27

Pondering on the following quote, from one of the Presidents of the United States, will reveal just how important team players are to the success or failure of a team. This is the same principle Yahushua was telling us in the above verse.



Sadly, our team has not been spared from the imposters. Parts of the team are literally deteriorating from the inside out. Sweet nothings are being whispered into the ears of the lukewarmers leading many to lose their ranks. They have accepted the wishy washy water down doctrines of demons that has slowly crept into the flock. Part of the breaking down of the team is due to useless debates that gobble up precious time, stealing joy while misdirecting our attention off of our main agenda. What remains are hearts full of compromise with a bunch of wore down team players! Time and time again, I have witnessed how some have totally turned from the flock! What starts out a small disagreement turns out to be HUGE. One of many examples is the teaching that Saul was a false prophet. Verses slowly begin to come up missing, then entire books of the Messianic Scriptures sadly what follows is the entire Messianic Scripture's (The New Testament) is no longer believed including that the Passover Lamb, Yahushua Ha Mashiach has even came yet! I've seen others go from Sabbath keepers to totally dismissing the observance of Sabbath then going to brag how they can go to yard sales and paint on the Sabbath now. I beseech all team players to not get entangled into the web of endless discussions. Many are left, weary, confused, heart broken and wounded in the faith.

The Fruits of the Spirit

In order for us to get more players on our team, we need to strategically become better team players ourselves. How can we become better team players? One of the simplest ways is to practice, *The Fruits of the Spirit*.



According to Galatians 5:17 the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. When team players '*Walk in Spirit*' this means we are not doing worldly desires. To walk in the Spirit makes

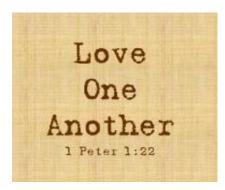
each of us an excellent team player. The entire point of being a team player is setting aside our worldly self-interests for the interests and goals of the team.

"For those who <u>live according to the</u> <u>flesh set their minds on the *matters* of the</u> <u>flesh</u>, but those <u>who live according to the</u> <u>Spirit, [set their minds on] the matters of</u> <u>the Spirit.</u>" -Romans 8:5

When one is living according to the flesh the mind is thinking of fleshy things and committing fleshy actions. While on the other hand, living according to the Spirit, the mind is thinking of Spiritual things and committing Spiritual actions which is in turn bears good fruit: "By their fruits you shall know them. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? "So <u>every good tree yields good fruit</u>, but a rotten tree yields wicked fruit. "<u>A good tree is unable to</u> <u>yield wicked fruit</u>, and a rotten tree to yield good fruit. "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "So then, by their fruits you shall know them." -MattithYahu|Matthew 7:16-20



LOVE JOY Fruit of the Spirit PEACE GALATIANS 5:22 LONGSUFFERING KINDNESS GOODNESS FAITHFULNESS GENTLENESS SELF-CONTROL When team players '*walk in the Spirit*' we are bound to produce good fruit. Therefore, having knowledge about the *fruits of the spirit* (Galatians 5:22) is essential to all team players. One of the main things that makes our team look bad is summed up in one word, h-y-po-c-r-i-s-y! Sadly, hypocrisy runs amok within our team. So many areas we fail in yet this one is the doozy of them all. Especially since each of us have



been commanded to love one another.

Where is the love? That is the problem with so many believers. We need to love each other. How can we group as a team if we don't have love? There is so much hate and division amongst the brethren it is quite pathetic.

Part of the lack of love stems from many on our team have gotten so hung up on the 'eye of the needle' issues, that we have forgotten how to love one another. This is sad, disappointing and embarrassing. How can we be HIS Followers when we don't love one another? A major sign of us being followers of Yahushua Ha Mashiach is our ability to love one another:

"A renewed command I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this shall all know that you are My taught ones, if you have love for one another." -Yohanan|John 13:34-35 Bringing the lost onto their knees before Yahushua Ha Mashiach should be our common goal. This is our agenda! Instead, way too many Brothers and Sisters in Messiah discriminate each other. Some of this is because of the way the Father & Son's Names are pronounced. While others discriminate over following a strict dress code or when a day starts, how many hours in a day, new moon sightings, how to keep Sabbath, not being Jewish enough, not holding enough Jewish traditions, not keeping added Feasts, how to keep the Feasts, when to keep the Feasts, where to keep the Feasts and on and on it goes. These are some of the divide and conquer schemes that hurt us team players:

"And let us be concerned for one another in order to stir up love and good works, <u>not forsaking the</u> <u>assembling of ourselves together</u>, as is the habit of some, but encouraging, and so much more as you see the Day coming near." –Ibrim|Hebrews 10:24-25

Seriously, how can we be a team if we are not concerned for one another? If we have no love for one another?

We might disagree with so-in-so on this issue or that issue, nevertheless, we still need to show others kindness by loving them despite our differences. This does not mean not welcoming



them, being unkind, giving them the cold shoulder amongst

other rudeness's. I'll never forget a few years ago, we were at a gathering during Passover week. To our surprise, the Brother who led the small home group decided that he would publically announce his disagreements with us. He kept saying, "I disagree with the McGuire's on this. I disagree with the McGuire's on that!" I sat there with a surprised look on my face. Here we all gathered around the table to have worship service, but this Brother decided to use worship time as a means of debating. We just sat there letting him give his punches. Not only was he disrespectful and unkind, but he caused that small group (except two people) to not even talk to us while we were there. In the long run, he was wrong on his false prophetic timeline; as I call it. Nevertheless, the lack of love towards us over points of view on prophetic events was wrong, hurtful and downright silly! Personally, if you disagree with me on any given subject I'm still going to love you, respect and look at you as my friend. Sadly, not too many in the faith are able to still love despite having differences of opinions. I've seen others resort to name calling, lashing out and downright being mean spirited! They get so infuriated that they yell and even storm out of the area never to be heard of again!

We at the F.O.Y. Ministry are all for discussions and even friendly debating, however, there is a time and a place for everything! For this very reason, it is hard for us here at FollowersofYah.com to openly go and announce where we will be keeping the joyful Feasts. We, like you want to have a joyful, fun, time dwelling with the Body in love. The Feast of Tabernacles is a feast we have been commandment to 'be joyful' during. Let us not make it about debating but about dwelling with our Brothers in love!

Those within the ministry have put their lives on the front line, taking hits for the team's sake. These constant debates over "straining at a gnat" has got to STOP. Oh, I desire it not to be like this:

"If I speak with the tongues of men and of messengers, but <u>do not have love</u>, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophecy, and know all secrets and all knowledge, and if I have all belief, so as to remove mountains, but <u>do not have love</u>, I am none at all. And if I give out all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but <u>do not have love</u>, I am not profited at all." -1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Almost twenty years in the ministry work, I have seen many within the Body lack LOVE. Scriptures explain love as follows:

"Love is <u>patient</u>, is <u>kind</u>, love <u>does not envy</u>, love <u>does</u> <u>not boast</u>, is <u>not puffed</u> up, does <u>not behave indecently</u>, does <u>not seek its own</u>, is <u>not provoked</u>, <u>reckons not the</u> <u>evil</u>, does <u>not rejoice over the unrighteousness</u>, but <u>rejoices in the truth</u>, it <u>covers all</u>, <u>believes all</u>, <u>expects</u> <u>all</u>, <u>endures all</u>. <u>Love never fails</u>. And whether *there be* prophecies, they shall be inactive; or tongues, they shall cease; or knowledge, it shall be inactive. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part shall be inactive. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I thought as a child, I reasoned as a child. But when I became a man, I did away with childish matters. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know, as I also have been known. And now belief, expectation, and love remain – these three. But <u>the</u> <u>greatest of these is love</u>." -1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Scriptures also tell us to actually put on love:

"Therefore, as chosen ones of Elohim, set-apart and beloved, put on <u>compassion, kindness</u>, humbleness of mind, meekness,



patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving each other if anyone has a complaint against another, indeed, as Messiah forgave you so also should you. But above all <u>these *put on* love</u>, which is a <u>bond of the perfection</u>. And let the peace of Elohim rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one Body, and be filled with thanks. Let the Word of Messiah dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing with pleasure in your hearts to the Master in psalms and songs of praise and spiritual songs. And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the Name of the Master Yahushua, giving thanks

to Elohim the Father through Him." -Colossians 3:12-17

Yahushua also tells us, "No one has greater love than if one should lay down his life for his friends."

(Yohanan|John 15:13). Truly the greatest gift of love was Yahuwah sending Yahushua! We have much to be thankful for!

The single thing that separates a believer from a follower is love. You see in Hebrew *'love'* is an action not an emotion. Many tend to get that definition confused. Anyone can do lip service while their heart is filled with hidden agendas. Let us proceed to the next fruit of the spirit which is joy.



Joy is something that cannot be found in the midst of a sinful world. Unlike happiness, which is based on things that happen, joy on the other hand is a state of mind. Here let me explain, people can be happy by going on a

shopping spree, going to a sports game, gambling, getting a promotion at work, dining out, eating foods that release dopamine (the feel good hormone), listening to music or even watching television.

While others, look for happiness in a crack pipe, the needle, bottle, that pill or even in having multiple sex

partners. These forms of worldly happiness are actually selfishness rather than truly being joyful. Sadly, many people have become absorbed by the trials and tribulations of this world that they have lost their joy or they never have actually experienced it. There are folks in the world that even go so far as to blame the Creator for all the bad stuff that has happened in their life, they actually hate anything remotely religious.

The majority of society is indeed unhappy. The witch doctors in the white coats have tried to fix this by handing out all sorts of anti-depressants and anti-anxiety pills like candy



sweet tarts. All in hopes to numb the pain and bring some happiness to the sufferer. Even if for a brief moment! All these are just Band-Aids offering a quick temporary happiness! You see being joyful is something that cannot be bought or even sold. Having joy is a gift from Yahuwah! We can receive this gift through the indwelling of the Ruach Ha Qodesh! If your lacking joy in your life, simple ask our loving Father Yahuwah to bless you with this wonderful gift:

"Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more

shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? -MattithYahu|Matthew 7:9-11

Having joy is truly a blessing! Scriptures state that being in the presence of the Ruach Ha Qodesh is joyful (Tehillim|Psalms 16:11, Luke 24:41, Romans 14:17). We also learn that the birth of Yahushua brought much joy (MattithYahu|Matthew 2:10-11). Yahushua is our hope and our promise. Thinking upon Him, no matter what trial or tribulation we are currently experiencing will not bring us down if you have the proper mind set. You see by thinking of Him we will be moved and filled with joy.

Joy is also when someone repents and accepts salvation (Luke 15:7). True joy is knowing the gift that Yahuwah gave to the world for our sins which is His Son, Yahushua. There is great joy in receiving healings and other miracles (Acts 8:8). Joy is being delivered from our enemies (1 Shemu'el|Samuel 2:1). Joy is also when team players continue to stay on the path, ever learning and growing in the faith while keeping the Commandments (Yohanan|John 15:10-11).



Joy is also having a cheerful outlook and understanding the value in following Yahuwah's way instead of trying to find joy in the world's way. His way is the fullness of joy (Tehillim|Psalms 16:11). Joy

is also knowing that we have been blessed with the truth that His way of life leads to everlasting life. As team players, we can find joy in things not made with man's hands but the promises of something far better as it has been written:

"But as it has been written, "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, nor have entered into the heart of man what Elohim has prepared for those who love Him." -Colossians 2:9



Team players can be joyful in knowing that Yahushua will rule and His kingdom will be peaceful (Tehillim|Psalm 67:4) as the adversary will be locked up for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:3). This is the meaning of the parable of the hidden treasure:

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." -MattithYahu|Matthew 13:44 Joy is about what is coming! The great expectation of Yahushua's second coming. Everything this temporary world has to offer is nothing compared to what awaits all team players. This is the reason to be joyful! When we see unfair justice in our day, we can rejoice in knowing that the day is coming where the scales will be balanced as Yahuwah is just! When someone so dear to us passes away, despite the feelings of grief and sorrow along with mourning, we should not remain in a state of despair. We can still be joyful in the blessed hope of the coming Kingdom! Rejoice with me now, while you are faced with trials as soon we will be forever with our Bridegroom, Yahushua!

Team players should be more encouraging and less complaining. We can also be more positive than negative. Team players should not let other things steal our joy such as sicknesses, jobs, people, financial issues and general day to day obstacles that we are faced with. We can be joyful in knowing that Yahuwah, Yahushua, the coming Kingdom is real and that they do not lie!

As Team players we can learn a lot about joy from reading the parable about the Sower of the seed:



"You, then, hear the parable of the sower: "When anyone hears the word of the reign, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is

that sown by the wayside. "And that sown on rocky places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but is short-lived, and when pressure or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. "And that sown among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the worry of this age and the deceit of riches choke the word, and it becomes fruitless. "And that sown on the good soil is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields - some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." Another parable He put before them, saying, "The reign of the heavens has become like a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed darnel among the wheat and went away. "And when the blade sprouted and bore fruit, then the darnel also appeared. "And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? From where then does it have the darnel?' "And he said to them, 'A man, an enemy did this.' And the servants said to him, 'Do you wish then, that we go and gather them up?' "But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the darnel you also uproot the wheat with them. 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I shall say to the reapers, "First gather the darnel and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my granary."'

-MattitYahu|Matthew 13:18-30

Sadly, the one who receives it on the stony places had joy at the beginning but the cares of this world caused the joy to fade away. We see in verses 20 and 21 that this was not an everlasting joy but a temporary feeling that passes when trials, tribulation and even persecution comes. Therefore, let our joy be ever growing in the excitement of the coming kingdom and the work that the Ruach Ha Qodesh is doing in our daily lives.



As team players do you remember the joy you had when you first learned the truth? Weren't you so joyful? Did you have an eagerness to tell everyone the truth of keeping the true Sabbath? The truth about the Set-Apart Names? Do you still have that joy?

So many of the early taught ones were prosecuted to the fullest. The first twelve went through some horrible ordeals. While so many more were made into human torches used to



illuminate the night, torn by dogs, fed to lions, burned alive, beheaded, tortured and even crucified. Yet, many died with smiles on their faces! Now that is simply amazing! Praise Yahuwah! They kept the faith unto death. Despite facing horrific deaths, they remained joyful! Ponder on the following verses:

"My brothers, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the proving of your belief works endurance." –Ya'akov|James 1:2-3

"In fact, even if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the offering and service of your belief, I am glad and rejoice with you all. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.' -Philippians 2:17-18

"Beloved ones, do not be surprised at the fiery trial that is coming upon you, to try you, as though some unusual matter has befallen you, but as you share Messiah's sufferings, rejoice, in order that you might rejoice exultingly at the revelation of His esteem." -1 Kepha|Peter 4:12-13

These precious ones, whom were greatly loved were able to remain joyful because of the promise of what lies ahead for all of us team players (Ibrim|Hebrews 10:33-34). As team players entering into these last days our joy needs to be coming from what lies ahead not the present here and now. Team players should rejoice always and in all things:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in all *circumstances* give thanks, for this is the desire of Elohim in Messiah Yahushua for you.

-1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Regardless of our circumstances we are in we can trust that Yahuwah is our strength. Actually, the joy of Yahuwah is our strength (NehemYah|Nehemiah 8:10).

"Rather, we commend ourselves as servants of Elohim in every way: in much endurance, in pressures, in hardships, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in disturbances, in toils, in watchings, in fastings, in cleanness, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Set-apart Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of Elohim, through the weapons of righteousness, on the right and on the left, through esteem and disrespect, through evil report and good report; *regarded* as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well-known; as dying, and see, we live; as disciplined, and yet not killed; as sad, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet enriching many; as having none, and yet possessing all" -2 Corinthians 6:4-10 Regardless of our current circumstance we should be rejoicing. Despite the trial or tribulation, team players can be in the right state of mind to choose to be joyful. Counting our blessings is a sure way to be filled with joy and thankfulness. Team players can also be joyful in knowing that this wicked corrupt



system is going to be brought down. We can be joyful in knowing that Satan the adversary will be locked up (Revelation 20:3).

Clearly, happiness is based on things that happen. Whereas, joy is a state of mind that no matter what the situation is, anyone can choose to be joyful! Joy is trusting on Yahuwah's everlasting word. Complete joy can be found in fellowship with the Father and the Son. Understanding Yahuwah's favor can also fill each of us with joy and peace (Romans 15:13).

Even those of us that remain during the worst time in all of history, can still be joyful. Actually, the way I view it is that as this earth age begins moving through the birthing canal, Team Players should be increasing in their rejoicing as the anticipation escalates to the blowing of that 7th trumpet! Team player's faith should be growing deeper and deeper the more we see that day drawing near. Now that we understand the wonderful fruit of joy, let us dive into the richness of the fruit of peace.

In Hebrew the word peace is shalom. Shalom has a very deep richer meaning than the word peace. Shalom goes beyond the typical meaning of peace in that shalom means (Strong's #7965) completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety soundness,



tranquility, prosperity, perfectness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord.



Pondering on the depths of the meaning of peace (shalom) we can understand how peace is something that comes from within. Peace is something that cannot be bought as with many of the other gifts. Yahushua told

us, "Peace I leave you- My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (Yohanan|John 14:27). What an awesome promise we our Bridegroom, Yahushua is sharing with us. But what actually is this peace?



Since peace is given, in order to possess peace one first has to receive it. Reviewing Yahushua's life, we are told in Isaiah that Yahushua is "*Sar shalom*" meaning "*Prince of Peace*" (YeshaYahu|Isaiah 9:6). Indeed,

Yahushua had full shalom (peace) that was manifested throughout his entire ministry. He had peace (shalom) as His Father was known as "*Yahuwah shalom*" (Shophetim|Judges 6:24). Most people in His shoe, under such intense pressure would have easily cracked or turned to drugs. We see this today with those in the public eye. However, not Yahushua! He was a wanted man no doubt about that. People either loved or hated Him; whereas some just didn't understand Him. Wherever He went, crowds followed Him (MattithYahu|Matthew 8:1). People wanted to just touch Him (Luke 8:44). Zacchaeus, a short man, climbed a tree just to get a view of Yahushua (Luke 19:3-4). Yahushua got in trouble with the religious establishment of His day. They about stoned (John 8:59) Him. He was sought after (Yohanan John 7:1). He was betrayed (MattithYahu|Matthew 25:13) and even denied by one of His closest friends (Yohanan John 18:15-27). He was spit on (MattithYahu|Matthew 26:67). He got slapped in the face (John 18:22). He was mocked (MattithYahu|Matthew 27:27-31). He was flogged (Yohanan John 19:1). He was also impaled (Yohanan|John 19:17-37). How can a man that had been through so much, remain calm during these terrible and stressful incidences? Simple, Yahushua had internal peace within Himself! This peace does not and cannot be

found in the world. Nor can it be bought with the finest precious stones or metals. We have been told, "*The way of peace they have not known, and there is no right-ruling in their ways. They have made crooked paths for themselves, whoever treads in them shall not know peace*" (YeshaYahu/Isaiah 59:8).

Yahushua had the peace (shalom) of Yahuwah, "which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). This is the same peace He showed when standing in front of Pilate. Pilate could not understand how this man could remain so calm, content, relaxed, fearless, and not even worried while faced with death. Pilate was astonished and yet furious and asked, "Do you not know that I possess the authority to impale You, and I possess the authority to release You?" (Yohanan|John 19:10).

Still not shaking or trembling Yahushua replied, "You would possess no authority against me if it were not given from above...." (Yohanan|John 19:11). What? Are you kidding me? Wow, how is that possible?

He truly had PERFECT, supernatural peace (shalom)! Yahushua held his composure and Pilate was amazed by this. Another King named Nebuchadnezzar, also witnessed this perfect peace! It all started when he made a huge golden image that he expected all people to bow down to (Dani'el|Daniel 3:1). Whoever didn't would be thrown into a hot burning furnace (Dani'el|Daniel 3:6). Three boys would not bow to the image and found themselves faced with a sure painful death:

"Shadrak, Mĕyshak, and Abĕd-Nego answered and said to the sovereign, "O Nebukadnetstsar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. "For if so, our Elah whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning furnace of fire and from your hand, O sovereign – He does deliver! "But if not, let it be known to you, O sovereign, that we do not serve your elahin, nor do we do obeisance to the gold image which you have set up." Then Nebukadnetstsar was filled with wrath, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrak, Mĕyshak, and Abĕd-Nego. He responded and gave orders that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usual to heat it. And he commanded some of the strongest men of his army to bind Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Nego, and throw them into the burning furnace of fire. -Dani'el|Daniel 3:16-20



The King was infuriated and had the furnace fueled up seven times hotter! Yet the three boys, didn't fret, remained calmed and trusted in Yahuwah. They were delivered from the fiery furnace (Daniel|Daniel 3:28).

HalleluYAH! This is that supernatural peace (shalom) that is truly amazing! A perfect peace (shalom) is having an inner tranquility, assurance, and self-control; even when faced with difficult circumstances. Having perfect peace, we don't have to worry about problems or even issues because we have confidence that Yahuwah will work matters out for us. Yahuwah has control over our circumstance and Yahushua knew this. Perfect peace (shalom) is the same peace so many team players have had before us. Yahushua along with those boys, Daniel in the Lion's Den, Jeremiah in the pit, everything Paul had to endure along with all the other team players. They firmly stood despite the trial, tribulation, danger, threat or problem. They remained calm, having self-control and at peace even in the shadow of death.

Team players can have that "*peace in our hearts*" (Colossians 3:15), we just have to pursue it, meaning, act upon that peace. Truly, peace is something that needs to be pursued. In the midst of everyday hustle and bustle, team players can obtain peace by taking a few moments to seek Yahuwah. Our mediation should be on His word! Thinking upon Him by putting our focus on Him instead of our troubles. Team players can have perfect peace, "*The one steadfast of mind You guard in perfect peace, for he trusts in You.*" (YeshaYahu|Isaiah 26:3)

Clearly, there is no peace without Yahushua. Sure those in the world might experience a temporary unfulfilling peace that quickly fades. Some try to get away from



their problems either through all the various forms of escapism (drugs, alcohol, pills, television) or by running away. Nations have tried peace with all the many peace treaties. Yet in Jeremiah we read, "Peace, peace! When there is no peace" (YirmeYahu|Jeremiah 8:11). The truth is the world does not know peace. Many people simply are not happy unless they are fighting with others. This is not a heart of peace for Messiah.

In the midst of a world full of false peace treaties, war, hatred and even conflicts team players can be peacemakers (MattithYahu|Matthew 5:9). This is where us, team players can stand out in a way that we can demonstrate peace to all men (Romans 12:18). This can be difficult at times. But we can put the fire out by not adding fuel to the fire. There are a few topics that can cause very heated debates, politics and religion are the two biggest ones. When team players find themselves in situations like this its best to agree to disagree and put it all in Yahuwah's hand. We should try to remain calm or just walk away from encounters.

Let us remember the Priestly prayer, "Yahuwah bless you and guard you. Yahuwah make His face shine upon you and show favour to you; Yahuwah lift up His face upon you and give you Shalom (peace)' (Bemidbar|Numbers 6:24-26). When we say shalom (peace) to someone, we are blessing that person with so much. Remember we have been told to bless those who curse us and pray for them who despitefully use us (Luke 6:28). Team players need to stay focused on Yahuwah's promises instead of our problems. We can also be at peace in knowing that our past sins have been washed away (Tehillim|Psalm 103:12). We can remain peaceful in not breaking anymore of Yahuwah's laws. Sinning causes our peace to



leave us until we repent. Believing in Yahushua our sins are forgiven and our war with Yahuwah is over. Therefore, we can reconcile with Him and then have peace with Yahuwah. As it has been written, "*Therefore, having been declared right by belief, we have peace with Elohim through our Master Yahushua Messiah, through whom also we have access by belief into this favour in which we stand, and we exult in the expectation of the esteem of Elohim*" (Romans 5:4). We all can have this peace that is freely given through faith in Yahushua and given by the Ruach Ha Qodesh.

All team players can rejoice in knowing that Yahushua told us, "These words I have spoken to you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you have pressure, but take courage, I have overcome the world." (Yohanan|John 16:33)

May Team Players be blessed with Shalom that is freely given by Yahushua. The next fruit of the Spirit is patience.



Patience is sometimes translated as 'longsuffering' (enduring much suffering/pain) or 'long temper' (being able to hold the temper for long periods of time). Considering these meanings, patience is something essential for all team

players to have. Patience can be learned throughout the entire Scriptures.

For example, the Messiah, being the Bridegroom has much patience waiting for the Father to give the word to go get the Bride. Yahushua is also patient, in that He is waiting for all His enemies to be made a footstool under His feet (Ibrim|Hebrews 10:12-13).

Team players can rejoice in the great patience Yahuwah has for humanity. Through His patience, people are being saved (2 Kepha|Peter 3:15). His patience has also stopped Him from destroying planet earth (Romans 9:22). During Noah's day He held out on judgment for a very long time (Bereshith|Genesis 6), just as He is right now. Did you know that His patience leads to repentance (Romans 2:4)?

Patience is when Abraham and Sarah waited for the promise of offspring even after she was past the age (Bereshith|Genesis 17:1-20). Despite everything Joseph endured (Bereshith|Genesis 37-38 and 45) he also patiently waited while Yahuwah worked matters



out for him. Job was another man who patiently waited upon Yahuwah. He lost everything but never blamed Yahuwah. He knew that Yahuwah had a plan for him. Job clearly suffered a lot yet he patiently waited, fully trusting that everything would work out fine! Jeremiah also experienced a great deal of suffering. He preached a message not received by many. His ministry lasted about forty years, warning the people they were going to be taken captive by the Babylonians. During that time, He was mocked, beaten, thrown in a pit, called a liar, was not to get married and even threatened (YirmeYahu/ Jeremiah 38:6). Yet, he patiently waited on Yahuwah. Simeon also showed great patience. As the Ruach Ha Qodesh revealed to him he would not see death until he saw the Messiah! Every day he patiently waited to see the Messiah. All the while trusting in Yahuwah that he would not die until he saw the Messiah. Yahushua (Luke 2:25-30).

Patience is the ability to wait upon Yahuwah (YeshaYahu|Isaiah 40:31, Tehillim|Psalm 27:14) in all matters such as healings. Patience is also waiting for the hope of the coming deliverance. This is especially important. Being impatience could very well cost believers to be at the wrong wedding feast. First comes the counterfeit, messiah (please see our Book & DVD, The Imposter).



If any team players start to get jumpy, please digest the following:

"Let no one deceive you in any way, because the falling away is to come first, <u>and the man of</u> <u>lawlessness is to be revealed</u>, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called Elohim or that is worshipped, so that he sits as Elohim in the Dwelling Place of Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim. Do you not remember that I told you this while I was still with you? And now you know what restrains, for him to be revealed in his time." -2 Thessalonians 2:3-6

Yahushua Ha Mashiach does not return until the man of lawlessness has been revealed first. Our Bridegroom returns at the seventh trumpet: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, <u>at the</u> <u>last trumpet</u>. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible has to put on



incorruption, and this mortal to put on immortality. And when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall come to be the word that has been written, "Death is swallowed up in overcoming." "O Death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your overcoming?" And the sting of death is the sin, and the power of the sin is the Torah. But thanks to Elohim who gives us the overcoming through our Master Yahushua Messiah." -1 Corinthians 15:52-57

"<u>And the seventh messenger sounded</u>, and there came to be loud voices in the heaven, saying, "The reign of this world has become the reign of our Master, and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!" -Revelation 11:15

"For this we say to you by the word of the Master, that we, the living who are left over at the coming of the Master shall in no way go before those who are asleep. Because the Master Himself shall come down from heaven with a shout, with the voice of a chief <u>messenger, and with the trumpet of Elohim, and the</u> <u>dead in Messiah shall rise first</u>. Then we, the living who are left over, shall be caught away together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air – and so we shall always be with the Master." -1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

Patience is being able to wait until the true Messiah Yahushua returns. Team players need to be patient with Yahuwah's timeline. Not rushing and jumping on the band wagon of setting dates. How many have totally ruined their witness by this one huge mistake?

Quite a few have indeed ruined their witness. This insane date setting has got to stop. According to many, they believe that according to Daniel's timeline, Yahushua will be returning in 2017! I've been saying for years now if any messiah figure shows up in 2017 it will <u>NOT</u> be the Son of Yahuwah! Rather it will be the IMPOSTER! Please have patience. Team players can show the world who we represent by being patient about this issue along with other issues. This is not to say we cannot or should not discuss and warn others. However, when doing so let us do it in wisdom not in erroneous false date setting!

Having patience is also having selfcontrol which is a sign of strength. Patience enables smart thinking rather than lashing out in emotional moments. Team players that are patient will be slow



to anger, won't take revenge or matters into their own hands. They will also be waiting and trusting in Yahuwah's Will to be done. Again, I cannot stress this enough that patience is waiting upon Yahuwah!

Considering that patience is also defined as long suffering (suffering for a long time) really doesn't sound like a walk in the park huh? Really, who wants to suffer for any length of time? Not too many apparently! That is why there are various drugs to numb all sorts of pain. To end suffering man created hospice. Once admitted, seldom does anyone get out alive from that place. A quick painless death for sure!

Hospice means end-of-life care. The admission ticket is a diagnosis from a doctor that you have six months or less to live.

(Eleanor Clift)



Abortion clinics were also created to destroy the human race because some people simple do not have patience/long suffering in raising a child. They would rather abort a baby than to deal with, as they see it, a lifetime of suffering. Adoption is a better answer than the abortion of a precious baby's innocent life. Some are just too ashamed of

embarrassment. While others want to justify it by not being financially responsible. Still others just don't want to deal with all the ups and downs of being a parent. Whatever the excuse, the reason is just impatience. They are impatient of having to slow down during the nine months. Impatient of having to take off work or the many sleepless nights that go with having babies. Impatient of having to stop living their lives to take care and raise a child. Sadly, in a selfish world many see raising a child as long suffering! Whereas team players know children are a blessing.

Scriptures are filled with many examples of patience. A good example of patience and longsuffering can be found in the following verses:

"Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. "And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day comes back to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him." -Luke 17:3-4

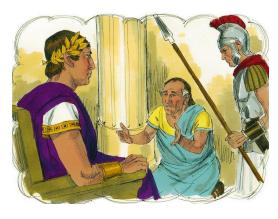
"Therefore, as chosen ones of Elohim, set-apart and beloved, put on compassion, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving each other if anyone has a complaint against another, indeed, as Messiah forgave you so also should you." -Colossians 3:12-13

Patience and longsuffering is bearing with one another along with showing mercy as Yahuwah has shown us. We continue to forgive, despite others being insensitive, thoughtless and showing uncaring actions.



Patience is enduring trials and tribulations while waiting patiently and trusting on Yahuwah to work it out on our behalf. This truly takes patience and can be achieved. Team players need to be tolerant of others. As team players we should be slow to anger, wrath or quick to condemn. We should remain calm, holding our tongues when we really want to speak up, especially when we have been wrongly accused. Let us not be like this *unforgiving servant*:

"Then Kepha came to Him and said, "Master, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Yahushua said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. "Because of this the reign of the heavens is like a certain man, a sovereign who wished to settle accounts with his servants. "And when he had begun



to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents, but as he was unable to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and

payment to be made. "Then the servant fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I shall pay you all.' "And the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. "And that servant went out

and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred pieces of money. And he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' "Then his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I shall pay you all.' "But he would not, and went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. "And when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were deeply grieved, and came and reported to their master all that had taken place. "Then his master called him and said to him, 'Wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt seeing you begged me. 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, as I also had compassion on you?' "And his master was wroth, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. "So also My heavenly Father shall do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses." – MattithYahu|Matthew 18:21:35

The unforgiving servant was not longsuffering nor did he have patience to those who owed him. Clearly, team players must be patient as Yahuwah has been with us. Another fruit of the Spirit is kindness.



Kindness is doing good deeds towards others and having a mind set to help others without selfish desire (Philippians 2:3-4). Kindness is the act of caring for others. Kindness actually leads us to repentance (Romans 2:4). Sometimes the human mind decides who deserves kindness and who doesn't. However, we have to ponder how Yahuwah saved us while we were sinners, (Titus 3:4) that is very kind. We didn't deserve it, however we received it. Therefore, we should be kind whether someone deserves it or not.

There are many more times in Scriptures we learn that Yahuwah showed kindness. When He supplied water for Ishmael and Hagar (Bereshith|Genesis 21:19) that was kindness. Providing food for the stiff necked children of Yisrael (Shemoth|Exodus 16:4) was also kindness. He showed kindness by providing food for the widow, her son and the prophet Eliyah (1 Melakim Kings 17). Through the Scriptures we see many people that Yahuwah inspired to be kind to others. All the prophets showed kindness in trying to help and warn people. The widow also showed great kindness when she made Eliyah a cake giving when she had so little (1 Melakim Kings 17:13). Later she was shown great kindness when her son was brought back to life (1 Melekim/Kings 17:22). King David showed kindness to Saul, when he could have taken his life many times (1 Shemu'el|Samuel 24:6; 26:9).

Kindness can be found throughout the entire Scriptures. Yahushua Himself, is the perfect role model for kindness. He showed great kindness and mercy



to all of us. The ultimate act of kindness was when Yahushua laid down His life for us (Yohanan|John 10:18; Yohanan|John 15:13; 1 Yohanan|John 3:16). He was even willing to take on our sicknesses (MattitYahu|Matthew 8:17). How many would do that for strangers? Yahushua also showed great kindness and compassion towards those who were paralyzed, diseased, lame and the blind by fully restoring them back to health! Kindness is serving others as Yahushua served us (Yohanan|John 13:13-15). Even stopping to come look for the lost (Luke 4:4-6).



The parable of the Good Samaritan shows the character of kindness (Luke 10:25:37). A Priest and even a Levite saw this poor man yet they, knowing to do good, left the man for dead! At the end of

the parable Yahushua tells us to go and do likewise of what the Good Samaritan did. You see knowing about kindness means nothing if there is no action involved. Did you know that kindness means tender concern for others?

Kindness first starts in the person's heart and is thus manifested in outward acts. As the Good Samaritan showed the poor man who was left for dead. Actions clearly speak louder than words. Team players should show acts of kindness by being tender, gentle, complimenting often, sympathetic always and by being loving and caring towards others. Acts of kindness is opening doors for those who need help, smiling often and when someone wants to cut in line we should let them. We can be sincere and generous towards others. Yahushua told us that we are to love our enemies and pray for them who despitefully use us (Luke 6:27-29). Showing kindness to those who are kind to us is easy, however being kind to someone who is against us, now that takes the power of Yahuwah!

Today due to the increase of lawlessness, the love of many has indeed wax cold (MattithYahu|Mathew 24:12). So many are rude, inconsiderate, laugh when others get hurt, insulting and downright mean! Stupid games now exist that involves just randomly walking up to someone and punching them (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knockout_game). Or hitting a shopper in the middle of a public store with a baseball bat.

Man Attacks Woman in Walmart in Random Baseball Bat Assault

Warner Todd Huston, Breitbart, June 23, 2014

A man who is described as mentally unbalanced, but who claimed to be in a gang, used a baseball bat in a random attack on a woman shopping in a Fort Smith, Arkansas Walmart.

Surveillance video shows a man identified by police as Corey Mosley running down an aisle with bat in hand. He is seen running up to the victim, Ashlyne Rogers. He is then seen hitting her in the head with the weapon.

The suspect fled from the store. Police later arrested him at his home.

Mosley's brother, Marcus Mosley, insists that the accused is mentally unstable. "I don't feel that he's solely responsible for it because he's off of his medication."

Despite living in the world full of unkind people, Team players can still practice kindness to all. Clearly, kindness involves sacrificing our comfort for others. Yahuwah has shown much mercy, kindness and love to the world. As He has shown us compassion, team players should also be compassionate towards others. Team players need to remember, *"be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as Yahuwah in Messiah forgave you."* (Ephesians 4:32). Besides being kind, team players should also be good.

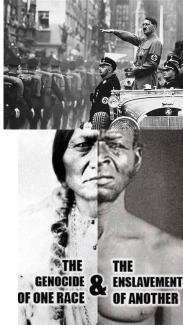


But what actually is goodness? At one time everything that was created Yahuwah declared, *"it is good!"* (Bereshith|Genesis 1:31). Yet something drastically occurred from the end of creation to the

garden. And ever since, Satan has been deceiving the world of what good and evil is.

In this day in age, the world seems to have its own version or definition of what good is. Times are always changing and so are people. Therefore, the worldly meaning of 'good' varies from time to time.

For instance, at one time, Native Americans were considered barbaric, some were murdered while others were made slaves. Other people believed that it was good to have Africans as slaves. While Hitler managed to convince



people that a certain race of people, namely the Jew's were evil. So they like the Native Americans and African's were slaughtered.

Another example is the recent outcry of the public in the shooting of a wild animal. A young boy fell in the Gorilla exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo. The zoo workers had to shoot the Gorilla in order to save the boy's life. I personally saw the video. Clearly, the Gorilla could have easily killed the boy in a matter of seconds. Yet the majority thought it was not a good solution. Hello? This was a human life, they made the best decision in a horrible and fearful situation.



There should be no comparison or outcry. Saving a child's life seemed less important compared to that of a gorilla's life.

Another example is that big mess with Cecil the lion. Again, the public was more upset over a lion's life. Yet where is the outcry for Planned Parenthood's murdering of innocent babies?



Clearly, we cannot go by the world's standard of what good or bad is. The definition of good is just not aimed at people but at many things. Such as food. One fad claims carbs are good another they are bad. Considering these things, let us rejoice in that Yahuwah never changes (Malachi 3:6). There is no guessing!

We can always count on the Scriptures to reveal to us what is good and bad according to what Yahuwah has declared. For starters, Yahuwah is "good for His mercy endureth forever" (Tehillim|Psalms 107:1). Goodness is when Yahuwah delivered His people from distress due to their sins. (Tehillim|Psalms 107:1-9). He has been very good to all of us. As team players we should be showing His goodness by quickly forgiving others when they hurt us. When we are good to others (*do unto others as you would have them do unto you*) they will be thankful as we are thankful for the goodness that Yahuwah has done for us.

Yahuwah has defined what goodness is throughout the Scriptures. One way to know if we are practicing 'goodness' is by obeying Yahuwah's Laws, "And Yahuwah commanded us to do all these laws, to fear Yahuwah our Eloah, for our good always, to keep us alive, as it is today." (Debarim|Deuteronom 6:25). Team players need to cling to Yahuwah's standards of what good is. That way we'll know not to call "evil good and good evil" (YeshaYhu|Isaiah 5:20). As team players our hearts need to be circumcised, "This is the covenant that I shall make with them after those days, says Yahuwah, giving My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I shall write them." (Ibim|Hebrews 10:16). Goodness will thus be in our hearts, if we obey His Torah [Instructions].



Yahushua is the perfect role model of what goodness is! As team players we can walk in goodness by following after Yahushua! Goodness is deeds of righteousness. For this reason, we have been told to pick up our staff and

follow after Yahushua (MattithYahu|Matthew 16:24). Goodness is wanting to serve others, visit the sick, being generous, praying for others, blessing others and doing unto others as we want to be treated. When team players walk in goodness others will see our light. Being good is having a commitment to do good rather than evil.

His creation is good and He wants us to mature in the fruit of goodness. We are told, *"For the rest, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is righteous, whatever is clean, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good report, if there is any uprightness and if there is any praise-think on these."* (*Philippians 4:8*). What is interesting is that, *"every good gift and every perfect gift is from above"* (Ya'akoylJames 1:17). Therefore, team players should be

(Ya'akov|James 1:17). Therefore, team players should be walking in the goodness of the Ruach (Spirit). Another fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness.



Faithfulness is being trustworthy and steadfastness while remaining loyal to Yahuwah, His Son and His Torah. Scriptures reveal that, *"faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not*

seen." (Ibrim|Hebrews 11:1). Having faith is extremely powerful. With just enough faith the size of a mustard seed is all that is needed to move a mountain (MattithYahu| Matthew 17:20)! The more we wait upon Yahuwah watching and waiting, allowing Him to do His Mighty Wonders, the more our faith will grow! Faithfulness is believing in Yahuwah even when matters seem impossible!

This can be seen many times throughout the Scriptures such as Abraham and Sarah (Bereshith|Genesis 12:1;

Romans: 4:16). Faithfulness is picking up a few things and venturing out to an unknown land leaving everything behind such as Abraham did! He was faithful in waiting years for the promise of an offspring. Abraham was even faithful to the point of offering up his son as a sacrifice having full faith that Yahuwah would raise him from the dead! Faithfulness is going to a foreign land if called up. How many team players have been called to do this? How many team players have this much faith to actually go?

Faithfulness is when Noah built the Ark as Yahuwah commanded him to do. All the while being faithful that there was judgment coming and that his family would be saved (Bereshith|Benesis 6:9). Joseph was faithful despite being betrayed, treated unfairly and even tempted. Rahab trusted in Yahuwah to protect her family when the city of Jericho was being destroyed (Yehoshua|Joshua 6). Ruth was

also being faithful when she left everything and yet gained so much more. Eliyah was faithful when he trusted Yahuwah thus he was greatly used by Yahuwah! Esther was so faithful that an entire nation was saved. Daniel was



faithful and he saw wonderful prophesy's and even miracles in his day. Let us remember, those who are faithful in the small things will be faithful in the large things (Luke 16:1).

As team players we need to remember Yahuwah is faithful in all ways. He is our protector and provider. He is faithful in forgiving our sins and His promise is eternal life, "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" (1 Yohanan|John 1:9).

Let Yahuwah's faithfulness inspire us to be faithful even when we don't see the promises. Living by faith is when Abraham remained faithful when he didn't see his descendants become *"as numerous as the stars"*



(Bereshith|Genesis 26:4) or when Moses was faithful even though he never entered into the Promise Land (Bemidbar|Numbers 20:12). The old man Simeon, he remained faithful in that he would not die until he saw the Messiah (Luke 2:25-32). They like so many believed on Yahuwah's promises! Being faithful will produce good fruit as faith without works is dead (Ya'akov|James 2:17-20).

Team players that are faithful have full belief and confidence in knowing that Yahuwah will deliver on His promises. We can fully depend on HIM! For this very reason we have been told to, *"walk by faith, not by sight"* (2 Corinthians 5:7).



Faithfulness is trusting in Yahuwah even when we don't feel His presence, see any miracles or when He is silent. Faithfulness is believing in what He has said despite the trials and tribulations that comes with life. Faithfulness is trusting that He will work everything out for those who love HIM (Romans 8:28). Scriptures also state, *"that without faith it is impossible to please Him..."* (Ibrim|Hebrews 11:6).

Yahushua several times wasn't please by those who had little belief in that they lacked faith (Mark 6:5-6). Many did not get healed simply because they lacked faith. Faith can be the outcome of miracles! As time and time again Yahushua said, *"Your faith has healed you!"* (MattithYahu|Matthew 9:20-22). When team players are lacking faith they must ask for belief as did the man whose son was filled with a dumb spirit (Mark 9:24).

Team players that are blessed with a mustard seed size of faith, can help conquer all the doubt of others. Those who are faithful can help encourage those who do not have any faith. Gentleness is also a Fruit of the Spirit.



Gentleness is being humble in all areas of our walk. Having a true caring heart to love others is the outcome of gentleness. Some mistake gentleness as a sign of weakness. Yet gentleness is being meek, polite and practicing

humility with a thankful heart. Gentleness is doing unto others what you would have them do unto you (MattithYahu|Matthew 7:12). Walking in gentleness is actually walking in overcoming power! You see to control oneself through logic instead of being moved by emotions is a wonderful ability to have. Words are powerful! So powerful in fact, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (Mishle|Proverbs 15:1). The power of our words can be healing, soothing, encouraging or downright hostile, mean and hurtful!

Team players need to have control over choosing their words and actions wisely rather than in fits of rage. All team players, one time or another have had an emotional outburst that was fueled by heated passion instead of logic. Being gentle is choosing to talk in a soft, humble, respectful, loving, caring, polite, courteous way instead of practicing harshness, being inconsiderate, disrespectful, rude, impolite, ill mannered, haughty or in an angry tone. By practicing gentleness, we can overcome the temptation to lash out at others.

Some people can be very harsh. Not being gentle can really come across as being hateful and the result can be hurtful to others. Not having gentleness can really push people away rather than bringing them closer to the Messiah Yahushua. That is why we have been told, *"if anyone is caught in a trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness"* (Galatians 6:1). Would you want to be hit upset the head with harsh words being used as a bat or would you rather be told in love and in gentleness?



Remember how Yahushua showed gentleness to the woman caught in adultery, (Yohanan|John 8:1-11)? Who are we to be self-

righteous prideful team players? Yahushua is our example, our teacher, we should not be so quick in casting the first stone but quick to be gentle! Gentleness is a powerful tool for team players in doing Yahuwah's work. Gentleness will also help us to quickly be forgiving of others.

Yahuwah made the oceans, the mountains, the fierce lions, the strong and massive horses. He created the entire universe. Yet He also created the gentle butterflies, doves, flowers, snowflakes and a host of other wonderful creations. He can be extremely gentle! To truly change lives gentleness needs to be put into action!

Scriptures reveal that Yahushua was very gentle, "See, your Sovereign is coming to you, meek, and sitting on a donkey, even a colt, the foal of a donkey." (MattithYahu|Matthew 21:5). Yahushua is the perfect example of gentleness!

As team players we are servants, "...of the Master should not quarrel but be gentle towards all, able to teach, patient when wronged, in meekness instructing those who are in opposition, lest somehow Elohim gives them repentance unto a thorough knowledge of the truth, and they come to *their senses, out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his desire"* (2 Timothy 2:26). Self-control is another important Fruit of the Spirit.



When a person has control over one's self, they have self-control. This is not an easy task, when one is not in the right mind set. See, before any action is performed, it first started as a

thought. When Lucifer rebelled, it first started as simple prideful thought that turned him into a rebel. His thoughts ruled over him. That is why as team players we need to "...take captive every thought to make it obedient to the Messiah." (2 Corinthians 10:5) and we should "have the mind of Messiah" (1 Corinthians 2:16). When practicing self-control, we need to abstain from the lust and evil of this world! Self-control is being able to fight the temptation to break Yahuwah's Law.

There were many men within the Scriptures that practiced self-control. We can learn a lot about having self-control just by reading about their lives. When Daniel was a young boy he was taken into captivity by King Nebuchadnezzar. The King was trying to give Daniel and the other young men new identities. He did this by first changing their names in honor of his pagan deities. The meals that were planned were also offered to these pagan idols. Therefore, each meal was '*holy*' to the Babylonians. Daniel did not want to defile himself by eating foods sacrificed to idols. Daniel practiced total self-control when he refused to eat the

King's food (Dani'el|Daniel 1:8). He and the other young boys brought esteem to Yahuwah and were greatly blessed for not partaking in the King's meat (Dani'el|Daniel 1:15).

Joseph also practiced much self-control. When Joseph was a young boy he was sold into slavery by his own brothers (Bereshith|Genesis 37:18-36). He was then sold to Pharaoh's captain, Potiphar. Joseph was a good slave. As he grew into a young man, Potiphar's wife began having lustful desires towards him. She seduced Joseph many times (Bereshith|Genesis 39:7-10). Joseph always refused her and would not commit adultery. For a man to sexually refuse a woman he had control over his own body.

Yahushua practiced perfect self-control. He was taken out to the wilderness to be tempted. There, He was tempted by the devil three times. After going without food for forty days and nights Yahushua was hungry (Matt 4:2). Satan therefore tempted Him, "*If You be the Son of Elohim, command that these stones become bread*" (MattithYahu|Matthew 4:3). Yahushua as hungry as He was fought Satan and temptation with the word of Yahuwah (MattithYahu|Matthew 4:4). Satan then goes to tempt Yahushua with power and demanded worship (MattithYahu|Matthew 4:5-11). It is extremely important for team players to know that every time Yahushua resisted temptation and overcame by quoting Scripture. Team players can also acquire self-control by thinking upon and having the right mindset in pondering on Yahuwah's word. Temptation can be lurking anywhere for us team players. In the grocery store with all the poisonous GMO tasty foods. Or at the shopping stores with desiring new and better things. The computer with free access to the internet, the bars at the end of the street corners, the telephone and so many more areas. Yet team players can learn and be blessed with having self-control.

When one has no self-control, what we see are the works of the flesh which are, *"adultery, whoring, uncleanness,*

indecency, idolatry, drug sorcery, hatred, quarrels, jealousies, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, envy, murders, drunkenness, wild



parties, and the like-of which I forewarn you, even as I also said before, that those who practice such as these shall not inherit the reign of Elohim." (Galatians 5:21). As team players we have to actively put an effort forth to resist the works of the flesh. When we have self-control we will be able to unconditionally love others. We can be joyful in all ways at all times and especially during trials and tribulations. We will be peacekeepers during physical and verbal attacks as well as other conflicts. Having self-control above all of the fruits of the Spirit will help us in every aspect of our lives. Team players who have self-control are stronger and thus can help those who lack in other areas. When one does not practice self-control they compromise the fruits of the Spirit.

Clearly, team players need to be walking in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22). As a whole, we will be the best team player's we were designed to be!

What's Your Talent?



Another way we can be better team players, is by seeking what talents the Ruach Ha Qodesh has bestowed upon each of us. Knowing our gifts is essential to the team. Take for instance in football,

a defense tank is not equipped to run like the wind! While a running back can't protect the wall. Therefore, knowing our talents will benefit the entire team.

Talents are Spiritual gifts that help us further the Body of Mashiach through the means of edification, encouragement, strength, empowerment, building up and to enlarge our team by spreading the Besorah! Every single believer has at



least one gift. The gifts are not for the individual but for the entire Body of Mashiach. They are given as Yahuwah decides who is best with each given gift. Nine of these fascinating gifts can be found in 1 Corinthians chapter 12:

"And there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of services, but the same Master. And there are different kinds of workings, but it is the same Elohim who is working all in all. And to <u>each</u> <u>one is given the manifestation of the Spirit</u> for profiting, for to <u>one is given a word of wisdom</u> through the Spirit, and to <u>another a word of knowledge</u> according to the same Spirit, and to <u>another belief by the same Spirit</u>, and to another <u>gifts of healing by the same</u> Spirit, and to <u>another operations of powers</u>, and to <u>another prophecy</u>, and to <u>another discerning of spirits</u>, and to <u>another kinds</u> <u>of tongues</u>, and to <u>another interpretation of tongues</u>. But one and the same Spirit works all these, distributing to each one individually as He intends." -1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Let us review some of these amazing gifts. Each are to be used for the entire Body of Mashiach.

- 1. Word of wisdom
- 2. Word of knowledge
- 3. Belief/faith
- 4. Gifts of healing
- 5. Miracle deeds
- 6. Prophecy
- 7. Discernment
- 8. Different types of tongues (languages)
- 9. Interpretation of tongues (languages)



The gift of wisdom first starts with fearing (standing in awe of His greatness) and giving reverence to Yahuwah (Mishle|Proverbs 9:10). Wisdom is also about being able to read a

verse and then apply it to everyday situations. Therefore, having the gift of wisdom can be beneficial in all walks of life. Reading the Scriptures without having the three keys (wisdom, knowledge and understanding) is like trying to figure out what a foreign book says! The team players who are blessed with the gift of wisdom can greatly help others in ministry work, teaching, leadership, counseling and resolving all sorts of problems.

The gift of knowledge is to simply know. Some people are able to easily memorize Scriptures. The tree of knowledge of good and evil was one of the trees that stood in the garden (Bereshith|Genesis 2:9). Knowledge is having insight on what sin is and



how we can be forgiven of our sins (Romans 3:10). Knowledge is also the ability to help others in everyday situations. Such as when King Solomon asked for both wisdom and knowledge (2 Chronicles 1:11) on how to rule Yahuwah's people. By spending time with Yahuwah and by reading His word we are given insights in helping others (Romans 15:14). Team players who are blessed with the gift of knowledge in the same way as those who are gifted with wisdom can be greatly used in the Body. They are used in all of the various ministry work such as teaching, counseling, elders, pastors and in leadership.



The gift of faith is the ability to hope in things not seen (Ibrim|Hebrews 11:1). Faith is believing without seeing (2 Corinthians 5:7). Faith is when the

Priests carried the Ark of the Covenant and took that first step into the Jordon (Joshua 3:8). That is truly stepping out in faith. Having faith is about believing and trusting in Yahuwah as did Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 17:17). Team players who have the gift of faith are fully convinced and believing that Yahuwah will take care of them. They step out in faith. HALLELUYAH!

Truly they hold the faith of a mustard seed and can be mountain movers (MattithYahu|Matthew 17:20). Kepha also had this faith (Acts 3:6) along with the gift of healing. Many times within the Scriptures, we read how many people had amazing confidence in fulling believing in Yahushua (Mark 2:5, Mark 5:34; Mark 10:52, Luke 17:9, Luke 18:42,) and thus were healed!

Team players who have the gift of faith can greatly be used within the ministry work also. They can be encouragers to those who lack faith within the body. They can also be used in prayer groups as with other ministry planning needs. They are also good witnesses to others outside the Body of Messiah.



The gift of healing is the ability to seek Yahuwah asking Him to heal another from physical, emotional, mental or a spiritual issue. A great part of Yahushua's ministry was healing (MattithYahu|Matthew 4:23;

9:35). The person who has this gift does not have the ability themselves to heal as we are healed by Yahushua's stripes (YeshaYhu|Isaiah 53:5). However, Yahuwah hears the pleas of conviction for the person and He does the healing!

Team players that are healers bring much hope and faith to others. All healings esteem Yahuwah! Team players may be needed to visit the sick and those who are of aged. If you are blessed with this gift please use this gift as many within the Body suffer!



Those who have the gift of miracles are not actually the ones performing the miracle as with those who have the gift of healings. These wonderful deeds are done by supernatural

powers from Yahuwah (Shemoth|Exodus 7:9).

This is further demonstrated through the miracle of Lazarus rising from the dead. Yahushua spoke, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who had died, said to Him, "Master, already he



smells, for it is four days." Yahushua said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you shall see the esteem of Elohim?" So they took away the stone where the dead man was laid. And Yahushua lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. "And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the crowd standing by I said this, in order that they believe that You sent Me." And when He had said this, He cried with a loud voice, "El'azar, come out!" And he who died came out bound feet and hands with wrappings, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Yahushua said to them, "Loosen him, and let him go." -Yohanan|John 11:39-44

HalleluYah! Praise Yahuwah for He indeed was esteemed in the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead! Notice how Yahushua sought the Father in this matter? Yahushua clearly tells us that He can do no matter without the Father (Yohanan|John 5:30). This is true for other team players who have the gift of miracles. They are not doing the miracle themselves as Yahuwah is! Team players with this gift are extremely sure about Yahuwah's will and have a very deep belief that Yahuwah can perform the miracle. Those who have this gift can be greatly used in the ministry and congregations in giving others inspiration along with trust and a deeper belief in Yahuwah.

Another gift that is freely given to team players is the gift of prophesy. Prophesy is the ability to predict future scriptural events or to speak on behalf of Yahuwah.



We learn in Acts chapter 2 that, "in the last days, says Elohim, that I shall pour out My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and you old men shall dream dreams, and also on My male servants and on my Female servants I shall pour our My Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy." -Acts 2:17-18

Within both the Old Testament and the Messianic Scriptures many had the gift of prophesy all pretty much had the same warning, **"Thus saith Yahuwah..."** a message of repentance (MattithYahu|Matthew 3:4, Luke 13:3, Acts 2:38, Revelation 2:5, Revelation 2:22). Team players could greatly benefit from listening to those who have this gift. One must be inspired by Yahuwah to speak. Team players with the gift of prophesy also seem to have a great insight on current events. This truly is a remarkable gift in that Yahuwah tells us that He does no matter unless He first reveals His secrets to His servants the prophets (Amos: 3:7)!

Team players who have this gift have much to offer congregations along with the entire Body of Mashiach. They can uplift, encourage and even get believers to repent in areas where needed. Team players with this gift can be used in leadership, speaking and even writing ministries.



The gift of discernment is the ability to know what is good (right) and evil (wrong). This important gift can be beneficial to the entire Body. Team players who have the gift of discernment can help others to stay on the straight

and narrow path, instead of being swayed with every sort of doctrine that springs up (Ephesians 4:14). This gift offers the body the truth in deeds, writings, teachings along with other doctrines that are either from Yahuwah, a person or are flat out demonic (Ibrim|Hebrews 5:14).

The gift of discernment is needed in all areas of the Body of Mashiach. If something is evil, then team players need to boldly speak up about it. They can be used greatly in serving, helping, counseling others along with working with leadership in making sure righteous decisions are made.



The gift of tongues is the ability to be able to speak different languages. The gift of tongues was given by The Ruach Ha Qodesh (Acts 2:4) to those early taught ones. Thousands (Acts 2:41) became believers on Shavuot (Feast of Weeks) after

they heard the Besorah (Good News, message of salvation) proclaimed in their own language (Acts 2:1-11). People from all over would gathered to Jerusalem to keep the feast. Some were from Parthians, Medes, Asia, Libya, Cyrene, Arabs and Rome just to name a few. Truly, this was an amazing supernatural event! The barriers of languages were not going to stop the messages going forth!

Team players who have the gift of speaking in tongues (languages) can be greatly used in all forms of ministry work. There is no limitation when the ability to share the message of the Good News can be shared to foreigners. Having the gift of different tongues (languages) team player can travel abroad going to many places and can be used in other congregational areas.

The gift of interpretation of the different languages is also wonderful. Not everyone has the ability to learn a foreign language. This gift is mostly for the unbelievers (1 Corinthians 14:21-22). However, this is greatly needed today. A few more gifts can be found in the book of Romans:

"<u>if serving</u>, in the serving; or he who is <u>teaching</u>, in the teaching; or he who <u>encourages</u>, in the encouragement; or he who is <u>sharing</u>, in sincerity; he who is <u>leading</u>, in diligence; he who shows <u>compassion</u>, joyously." -Romans 12:7-8

To serve means to wait on, assist and help others. All team players should be serving others in one way or another. Yahushua even said, *"For even the Son of Adam did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom*



for many." (Mark 10:45). There are always areas that needs someone to serve such as helping the elderly, cleaning up, cooking, doing dishes, helping out at events and during worship services, building maintenance, helping out with the children, comforting others and so much more. All team players have a ministry (2 Timothy 4:5) and should be serving others.



Our Messiah, Yahushua was indeed the great Teacher (Yohanan|John 13:13). All team players in one way or another are teachers in that our major desire is to spread the Besorah (Good News, the message of salvation). Truly, we all can

learn from each other. However, some team players have been given this gift to bring meaning and understanding to the Scriptures. Teachers are able to help other team players to grow in faith, understanding and even wisdom.

Those with the gift of teaching can be used in all areas of the ministry work. Team players can teach in seminars, youth groups, they can give sermons, they can preach, prophesy and so much more all depending on the area they have strengths in.

The gift of encouragement is the ability to comfort, motivate and to give hope. We know the Comforter that was promised to come is indeed the Ruach Ha Qodesh (Yohanan|John 14:26). Team players who have the gift of encouragement will help others to be the very best they can be according to Yahuwah's will for



them. When they see others who are down or having a bad moment, they can give them a word of hope and encourage them to carry on. These ones care and have empathy towards others. With so many hurting, the encouragers are greatly needed within and outside the Body of Mashiach.



The gift of sharing also means to give or bestow to others. Team players that are givers will give their time, abilities, thoughts, knowledge, love, self even money if need be to others. Team players will see what needs to be done and they will give in order to help others. We should freely give without expecting anything in return (Matthew 10:8). Giving to the Body of Mashiach, builds faith and encouragement. Yahushua told us, "*that it is more blessed to give than to receive.*" (Acts 20:35). If all team players were willing to be givers instead of takers we would be a much better team. Yahushua gave His life how much should we give (1 Yohanan|John 3:16)?

The gift of sharing can be greatly used in all areas of ministry work.

The gift of leadership is the ability to have a vision and to bring people together to make that vision a reality. Team players that are leaders have the ability to get T-

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people to work together. They are able to organize and lead people in the right direction in fulfilling a common goal. They are great at communicating with others.

The Power of COMPASSION The gift of mercy is the ability to have compassion towards others. Team players that have empathy for others are able to understand and share feelings. They are moved into action to assist those who need

spiritual, physical, emotional and even financial help. Those who are merciful can help those in and out of the faith. Such as visiting those in prison, the elderly and those who are sick.

Volunteering at food banks, homeless shelters along with many other areas are great places for those who have the gift of mercy to walk as Yahushua did. Showing mercy unto others is also being able to quickly forgive others (Luke 6:36).

These by far are not the only special gifts. Some team players have the gift of administration, helping, singing, playing musical instruments, prayer warriors, project leaders, web designers, book and tract printing, movie making and so much more. All needs to be done for building the Kingdom:

"What then is it brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all be done for up building." -1 Corinthians 14:26

Team players can know what their spiritual gifts are by seeking Yahuwah. Pray to Him asking Him what your special gifts are. I truly, believe that most have the desire placed on their hearts. A deep passion that fuels them to action! All team players have some qualities that have been acquired or given.

All these special gifts are to be used to further the coming Kingdom. When team players use these gifts in the right way we bring esteem to Yahuwah. These are not made with human hands, therefore they come with no bragging rights. They are gifts freely given from Eloah. Therefore, all esteem goes to Him. As it has been written, *"He who boasts, let him boast in Yahuwah."* (1 Corinthians 1:31; 1 Corinthians 10:17). All team players need to be utilizing our gift(s) to the fullest:

"And now, there are indeed many members, but one body. an eye is unable to say to the hand, "I have no need of you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." But much rather, those members of the body which are thought to be weaker are necessary. And to those of the body which we think to be less respected, these we present greater respect. And our unseemly *members* have greater seemliness, whereas our seemly members have no need. But Elohim blended together the body, having given greater respect to that *member* which lacks it, that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same concern one for another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is esteemed, all the members rejoice with it. And you are a body of Messiah, and members individually."

-1 Corinthians 12:20-27

The Participation that Yahuwah seeks from us team players is **NOT** repetitive. He did not create us to be like a

bunch of robots, all in unison of sitting, standing and kneeling. Each team player is unique!

> "from whom the entire body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the <u>working</u> <u>by which each part does its share</u>, causes growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." -Ephesians 4:16

Clearly, all parts need each other. Each of us has to be considerate of our fellow team players. We need to understand that a lack of commitment can cause havoc on the other team. When one doesn't work as hard as they should it puts pressure on the other parts which eventually hinders



the entire team causing the other parts to strain. Eventually a domino effect occurs. One is not better or more important than the other. Each team player needs to be using their gift(s) to the fullest. This is the upmost importance for the entire team.



Not only has each team player been giving gifts, but if they do not use their special gifts, they will be taking away:

"Watch therefore, because you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Adam is coming, for it is like a man going from home, who called his own

servants and delivered his possessions to them. "And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability, and went from home. "And he who had received the five talents went and worked with them, and made another five talents. "In the same way, he with the two also, he gained two more. "But he who had received the one went away and dug in the ground, and hid the silver of his master. "And after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. "And *he who had received five* talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents. See, I have gained five more talents besides them.' "And his master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant. You were trustworthy over a little, I shall set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' "Then he who had received two talents came and said, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents. See, I have gained two more talents besides them.' "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant. You were trustworthy over a little, I shall set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 'And the one who had received the one talent also came and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed, and being afraid, I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' "And his master answering, said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant,

you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 'Then you should have put my silver with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. <u>'Therefore take away the talent from him,</u> <u>and give it to him who possesses ten talents.</u> 'For to everyone who possesses, more shall be given, and he shall have overflowingly; but from him who does not possess, even what he possesses shall be taken away. 'And <u>throw the worthless servant out into the outer</u> <u>darkness – there shall be weeping and gnashing of</u> <u>teeth</u>.' -MattithYahu|Matthew 25:13-30

Now that is major! Ponder and digest that team players. I beseech all team players to understand the seriousness of this crucial fact. Any team player that is NOT using their talents they will not be a good servant! The choice is up to each team player to hear either, *"well done good and trustworthy servant"* or *"you wicked and evil servant"*! I beseech each team player to get up off that bench and get busy! Anyone having negative doubts or letting the cares of this world steal them from the joy of being an active team player needs to deeply consider their ways.

One Common Goal

Clearly, we are a team that ought to be walking in the Spirit, making full use of our spiritual gifts. Knowing what our special gifts are is just half of the game plan. See, if we don't know what our goal, purpose or agenda is, then we are doomed to fail miserable as a team. However, we have not only been equipped with the proper tools (talents and gifts) but Scriptures actually reveal what our goal, purpose and agenda is:



"Therefore, go and make taught ones of all the nations, immersing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Setapart Spirit, teaching them to guard all that I have

commanded you. And see, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Amĕn. -MattithYahu|Matthew 28:19-20



"For everyone who calls on the Name of Yahuwah shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they

have not heard? And how shall they hear without one proclaiming? And how shall they proclaim if they are not sent? As it has been written, "How pleasant are the feet of those who bring the Good News of peace,

who bring the Good News of the good!" -Romans 10:13

Our agenda objective is to bring all to Yahushua Ha Mashiach. He tells us, "*if I am lifted up from earth, shall draw all men unto Myself*" (Yohanan|John 12:32).

Lifting our Bridegroom, our Team Leader, Yahushua Ha Mashiach up, then all will be drawn to HIM. We should be pointing to HIM and to only Him not to this person or that person but to HIM!

All Team players have a ministry! You have a service with your own special given talents to be greatly used to benefit the entire team, **"But you be sober in all** *matters*, **suffer hardships, do the work of an evangelist, accomplish your service completely [make full proof of your ministry]"** -2 Timothy 4:5

By being a good team player, we will fully understand that our agenda is to bring all nations, tongues, genders and nationalities, to the knowledge of the truth. We are seed sowers! Along with up-lifters, comforters, supporters and helpers for the entire Body of Mashiach. The goal of our hard work is to hear, *"Well done good and faithful servant"* (MattithYahu|Matthew 25:21).

Our work as team players will never stop until we leave this planet! As there will always be a need for each of us, at any age during any given time! We have roles and responsibilities that is vital to the success of our fascinating team!

"We too, then, having so great a cloud of witnesses all around us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and <u>let us run with</u> <u>endurance that race set before us</u>" –Ibrim|Hebrews 12:1

I don't know team players, are you up for the run? Do you have enough perseverance in that tank of yours? As good Team players, we know we need to run in the race (1 Corinthians 9:24) with the will power to obtain the prize (MattithYahu|Matthew 24:21). What are YOU waiting for? Now is the time to, Go FORTH!

When good team players are willing to roll their sleeves up, pitching in where they are most valuable the results will be amazing. Team players should be encouraging to others, motivating, researchers, peace keepers, resolving disagreements, patient, music players, singers, prayer warriors, faith builders, servers, good listeners along with being good organizers. How well team players work together will have a major impact on the entire Body of Mashiach. Thus bursting forth throughout the entire world. A good team player will know their role, their talent, their gift and their strength enabling them to be the very best team player they were designed to



be! Team player's contribution will be a huge blessing for the entire Body! Working together creates unity which will lead to increased productivity of doing everything we are able to do to further the coming Kingdom. Having a positive attitude is essential and quite refreshing to all team players. Team players should share information and resources in all areas of this walk.

Every team player should remain teachable and remain faithful in the small things as Yahuwah will indeed prosper us. Being part of Yahuwah and Yahushua's team is fascinating! Oh HalleluYah! Yahuwah sees our efforts and they will not go unnoticed:

"so that your kind deed shall be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret shall Himself reward you openly." -MattithYahu|Matthew 6:4

Being a Team Player

Team players need to be strong, reliable, cooperating and dependable workers. Giving constructive criticism in a respectful yet positive manner is a special trait good team players have. Along with being slow to talk yet quick to listen to other points of view without arguing or debating. Likewise, learning without reacting in a defensive way! Also always prepared to share the hope within them will make a good team player.

Clearly, being the very best team players we were designed to be involves being fully active not sitting passively on the bench! Taking the initiative to do things that need to be done



while adapting to other people's situations and backgrounds. Especially since we are now living with modern day technology with the globalization of the internet reaching far out into the utmost parts of the world. Commitment to the team shows commitment to Yahuwah!

Team players should have an enthusiastic attitude, considerate and full of mercy working with others. While having a great appreciation of the other team players. Having passion and being exciting about being a part of the team of all teams!



All organized teams have a team leader. Our team leader, our coach, our teacher, our conductor, our boss, our president, our king, our chief in command, our High Priest, our

project manager, our CEO is Yahushua! He is the one who guides, instructions and teaches us. As the team leader, He knows the team player's strengths, weaknesses and our motivations. He is the one that knows where each team player is needed most. He is the one that has our best interests in mind. When He tells team players to do this or that, to go here or there, we should be respectful of other team players mission. We should be encouraging and respectful. Not making fun of them, calling them crazy or even trying to convince them to do what they want them to do rather than what Yahushua would have them do.

Consider how important this is, while we review the story about the two prophets:

"And he said to him, "I too am a prophet like you, and a messenger spoke to me by the word of Yahuwah, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, and let him eat bread and drink water.' "But he lied to him. So he turned back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water. And it came to be, as they sat at the table, that the word of Yahuwah came to the prophet who had brought him back, and he cried out to the man of Elohim who came from Yehudah, saying, "Thus says Yahuwah,

'Because you have rebelled against the mouth of Yahuwah, and have not guarded the command which Yahuwah your Elohim commanded you, and turned back, and ate bread, and drank water in the place of which He said to you, "Do not eat bread nor drink water," your body shall not enter the burying-place of your fathers.' " And it came to be, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back. And he went, and a lion met him on the way and killed him. And his body was thrown on the way. And the donkey was standing by it, and the lion was standing by the body. And see, men were passing by and saw the body thrown on the way, while the lion was standing by the body. And they went and reported it in the city where the old prophet dwelt. And the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard it, and said, "It is the man of Elohim who rebelled against the mouth of Yahuwah, and Yahuwah gave him to the lion, and it tore him apart and killed him, according to the word of Yahuwah which He spoke to him." And he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled it. So he went and found his body thrown on the way, and the donkey and the lion standing by the body. The lion had not eaten the body nor mauled the donkey. And the prophet lifted up the body of the man of Elohim, and placed it on the donkey, and brought it back. And the old prophet came to the city to mourn, and to bury him, and he placed his body in his own tomb. And they lamented over him, saying, "Oh, my brother!" And it came to be, after he had

buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I am dead, then you shall bury me in the tomb where the man of Elohim is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones." -1 Kings 13:18-31

Wow! Talk about a twist of faith. Think of the many blessings the prophet would have received if only he would have been obedient to Yahuwah. Let this be a lesson to all Team players! Each of us have a unique special ministry. We cannot let any other team player(s) convince us that we should not being do this or we should be doing that. The fact is, Yahuwah has ordained each of us do to HIS work where we are most needed as He sees fit. Not what are fellow team player(s) would have us do. Regardless of how unusual our work might seem to the naked eye, each of us must walk by faith. Years ago Yahuwah told us that our lives (those here in the FOY ministry) would be on a rollercoaster ride. Indeed, what a ride Yahuwah has us on! He further used a real life situation of planting green houses as what we would be doing in this world. The outcome was we would be sowing seeds yet would not stick around in any given place to witness the harvest. HalleluYah!!

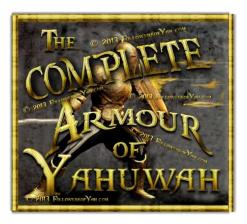
This is not to say that we didn't experience opposition, cause we sure had plenty of that. Quite a few times, we had other team players trying to convince us to do the normal things by settling down getting a place working a 9 to 5 job. Nothing wrong with any of that. However, during that time that was not Yahuwah's will for the FOY ministry. By being obedient to Yahuwah rather than man we saw plenty of miracles which led our mustard seeds of faith to flourish.

Comprehending this vital lesson is a must for the entire TEAM! Each of us cannot try to compromise what other team players have been ordained to do. Doing so can be extremely dangerous, as the prophet actually lost is his life. Therefore, let us pray for one another and help one another.



The Complete Armour of Yahuwah

To be the very best team player we were designed to be, we also need to be put on the Complete Armour of Yahuwah:



"Because of this, take up the <u>complete armour</u> of Yahuwah, so that you have the power to withstand in the wicked day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, then, having <u>girded your waist</u> with truth, and having

put on <u>the breastplate of righteousness</u>, and having <u>fitted your feet with the preparation of the</u> <u>Good News of peace</u>; above all, having taken up the <u>shield of belief</u> with which you shall have power to quench all the burning arrows of the wicked one. Take also the <u>helmet of deliverance</u>, and the <u>sword of the Ruach</u>, which is the word of Yahuwah, praying at all times, with all prayer and supplication in the Ruach, watching in all perseverance and supplication for all the Qodesh Ones" -Ephesians 6:13-20



What is having our *waist girded with truth*, one might ask? Well it's speaking about true things about the coming of Yahushua, the true names of the Father and the Son, and about the true things about the Scriptures along

with guarding His Commandments. And not bearing false witness but bearing true witness. Team players must be girded with the truth: *"in whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the Good News of your deliverance, in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Setapart Spirit of promise, who is the pledge of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His esteem."*-Ephesians 1:13-14



When we have the *breastplate of righteousness* on us we are to guard and to keep His Commands, and to fear Yahuwah, and to do His Torah: "And Yahuwah commanded us

to do all these Laws, to revere (fear) Yahuwah Our Elohim, for our good always, to keep us alive, as it is today. And it is righteousness for us when we guard to do all this Command before Yahuwah our Elohim, as He has commanded us." (Debarim|Deuteronomy 6:24-25). His Laws show us the way of righteousness. Let us review these laws also known as the Marriage Vows:

- 1. You have no other mighty ones against my face.
- 2. You do not make for yourself a carved image nor bow down to them.
- 3. You do not bring the name of Yahuwah your Elohim to naught for Yahuwah does not leave the one unpunished who brings His name to naught.
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Qodosh, for six days you work but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of Yahuwah your Elohim.
- 5. Respect your father and mother so that your days are prolonged upon the soil which Yahuwah your Elohim is giving you.
- 6. You do not murder.
- 7. You do not commit adultery.
- 8. You do not steal.
- 9. You do not bear false witness against your neighbor. You do not covet whatever belongs to your neighbor. (Shemoth|Exodus 20:2-17)

"Follow righteousness, so that you live and inherit the land which Yahuwah is giving you" (Debarim|Deuteronomy 16:20). Team players must wear the Breastplate of righteousness.



Having our *feet fitted with the preparation of the Besorah* means we should be ready and willingly to spread the Good News about Yahushua everywhere at any time. This means that we should be 'on call' at all times and willing to travel if the need arises: *"And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. "And whoever does not receive you nor hear your words, when you leave that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet."* -Mathew 10:13-14. The common agenda for all Team players is to share the Besorah to a lost world.



When we take up the *shield* of *belief*, we have the belief that Yahushua Ha Mashiach will fight all of our spiritual war-fares for us. We also have faith and belief that He will take care of us, heal us, and come back again for us

to take us to His house that He has prepared:

"Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in Elohim, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many staying places. And if not, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I shall come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you might be too." -Yohanan|John 14 1-3

This shield will also block any spiritual forms of arrows that the devil tries to throw at us. No matter what the evil one throws team players will be able to avoid them by not allowing them to pierce our body, soul and spirit.



When team players, put on the helmet, we should never quit praying to Yahuwah our Mighty One throughout the day. We should pray to Him just about everything we do and

to pray that we have the **wisdom, knowledge** and **the understanding** to complete the day. We need to pray to also be like Him by not falling into temptation to do the fleshy things. We should, "*Pray without ceasing*" (*1 Thessalonians 5:17*). Let us not forget how Daniel continued to pray even after the decree of death was signed:



"And Daniel, when he knew that the writing was signed, went home and in his upper room with his windows open toward Yerushalayim he knelt down on his knees three times a day, and prayed and gave thanks before

his Elah, as he had done before. Then these men tumultuously gathered and found Daniel praying and entreating before his Elah. Then they approached the sovereign, and spoke concerning the sovereign's interdict, "Have you not signed a interdict that every man who petitions any elah or man within thirty days, except you, O sovereign, is thrown into the den of lions?" The sovereign answered and said, "The word is certain, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not pass away (-Daniel 6:10-12).

Therefore, let us always pray even if it means we might be killed for doing so! May we never forget to, "*Praying at all times, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, watching in all perseverance and supplication for all the set-apart ones.*"-Ephesians 6:18



The last, but most important part of the Armour is the *sword of the Ruach*. The sword of the Ruach is the word which tells us what is true and false, and leads

us in the right direction of Yahuwah and Yahushua. This sword is sharper than any double edge sword because a physical sword can't fight any spiritual wars or win them either, **"For the Word of Elohim is living, and working, and sharper than any two-edged sword, cutting through even to the dividing of being and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart"** (Ibrim|Hebrews 14:2). Team players must carry the sword of Yahuwah's Word with us at all times!



Clearly there is a battle for our body, minds and hearts. All team players have to put on the complete amour of Yahuwah as we have been commanded to do! Truly, this amour is extremely important for each of our walks. This amour is a must.

Once team players have the complete amour of Yahuwah on, we can withstand anything and everything. Isn't this wonderful news brothers and sisters? I mean who else literally gives away free battle gear? Yahuwah does! All we have to do is believe and do it! So, what are we waiting for, lets become the best team players we were designed to be.

The Body of Messiah





We as the Body of Messiah have a perfect team. Not in the fact that we are perfect as we are quite imperfect. All team players fall short. But in the fact that despite our short comings, our failures, our sinful nature, He shall be esteemed

through these broken clay pot vessels. He greatly loves us! Even though we may be miles and oceans apart, we can rejoice in knowing that we are part of an awesome team! We can enjoy the feeling of belonging to THE Team that far exceeds anything this life has to offer. We work for a one of a kind Leader, doing amazing things! What makes our team so special is that our team believes in matters that seem impossible or when all hope seems to be gone....WE still have hope! The the impossible is made possible to those who believe.

Team·WOrK (noun) cooperative or combined effort of a group of persons working together as a team for a common cause

Consideration is another way of saying do unto others as you would have done unto you. Team players should be mindful of other people's perspectives and weaknesses. Loving other team players can take our mediocre team to a great team! Today let us become doers of these things so that each of us can be good team players! By *'walking in the fruits of the Spirit,' 'utilizing our special gifts'* and putting on the *'Complete Armour of Yahuwah'*, there is no doubt in my mind that we can be the very best team players we were designed to be!