

## Team-ministry

Brains exist of: 3 milliard nerves, divided into 2000 channels, with each 500 sections  
Enabling us to feel even with our fingertips.

Team-ministry in a natural body reflects team-ministry in a spiritual body.

Team: A group of people joined together in the same mind and feelings,  
Speaking the same thing and going the same direction.

1Cor1:10: "I appeal to you, my brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: agree among yourselves, and avoid divisions; be firmly joined in unity of mind and thought."

Fellowship: Identified as belonging together (two oxen tight together in one yoke).  
Joint guidance, plural leadership (Primus interparis).  
Fellowship and unity are strength. 1 Tim. 1:1-3  
United we stand, divided we fall. 2 Sam.23:8-39

Fellow-worker	1Thess. 3: 2	Fellow-disciples	John 11:16
Fellow-servant	Col. 1: 7	Partner	2Cor. 8:23
Comrade	Phil. 2:25	Ally	Fil. 1: 2
Part of same Body	Eph3: 6	Sharers	Eph. 3: 6
Joint Heirs	Eph. 3: 6	Fellow-citizens	Eph. 2:19
Fellow-prisoners	Phi. 1:23	Fellow-slaves	Matt.18:29/33

### Growth requires a team-spirit ("One-man-syndrome")

1. One single man is never able to guide a flock successfully.
2. One single man is limited in his ministry and gifts.
3. One single man shall be short of wisdom, knowledge and judgment (Prov. 11:14)
4. One single man will have difficulties to find the will of God for everything.
5. One single man will hinder the potential growth.
6. One single man has nobody to adjust him, corrects him to keep in balance.
7. One single man may break physically, mentally, emotionally, morally (under pressure).
8. One single man will get tired, retired and expired.
9. One single man runs a great danger to become a dictator.
10. A one man-service is contrary to the will of God in the Bible (Eph. 4:11).

### Examples of team-ministry in the Bible

1. The Godhead Father, Son and Holy Spirit (no contradiction).  
Different in function but one being.
2. Jetro Exodus 18:20-26, Deutr. 1:9-10.
3. Jesus He sends them out, two by two (Mark 10).
4. Disciples Paul and Silas, Barnabas and Mark, Timothy and Titus.
4. Man and wife Rom.16 Thanksgiving for the help.(Acts 18).
5. Orchestra Many instruments, a symphony, harmony.

## How to function successfully in a team?

1. Authority must be recognized and acknowledged(who is the leader?)  
Principles of leadership must be distinguished and respected  
12 Apostles, Peter led them, James was chairman during the Jerusalem meeting  
Each football-team has a coach, captain(visionary)
2. The team has to be joined/brought together by God in prayer (Mark16:20).  
The law forbids to put together an ox and a donkey (unequal yoke).
3. Man and women whose hearts are touched by God and  
whose lives are bound together for eternity (1Sam.10:26)  
Every member within his own order doing what he or she has to do  
Ants and grasshoppers only move when their leader indicates this
4. The team has to have the same spirit as the spirit who rests on the leader
5. The team has to be and to stay loyal to each other (no reason for treason)
6. Every team-member must have a clear task-description and keep to it
7. The team must have/hold open communication/relation for good understanding  
Defective understanding impedes and breaks down the team-spirit
8. Each team-member must be accountable for his/her task
9. Each team must have times of devotion, individually as well as collectively
10. We must be aware a team offers security and keep ours weaknesses in balance
11. Each team must know the principles of submission (Eph.5:21).
12. Each team must know the strength of dedication (to the vision and each other).
13. Each member must be willing to abandon his rights (do everything for the team).
14. Each team-member must do his best to keep the spirit of unity at all times.
15. The following impediments and shortages are in the way of a team-spirit:
  - a competitive spirit (to compare yourself with one another)
  - a dictatorial spirit
  - a proud, self-glorification spirit
  - pride and self-complacency
  - party-spirit (cultural, racial, financial and traditional limitations)
  - lack of communication
  - lack of transparency (openness)
  - lack of divine love (agape)
  - lack of tolerance
  - lack of forgivingness
  - lack of spiritual maturity
  - lack of humbleness
  - lack of submission and a serving spirit
  - lack of organization in the team
  - lack of compassion and care for each other
  - lack of mutual respect for each other
  - lack of appreciation
  - lack of being involved in the vision
  - lack of being involved in the work
  - lack of purity in motivation (1 Tim. 6)
  - lack of a teachable spirit

When these conditions are fulfilled and these hindrances be removed then a climate shall be created in which revival can flourish (John 17).