

"Teamwork"  
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture references are from the NIV Bible.

Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction."

Vision or goal: To become like Jesus

Philippians 3:14 "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Colossians 1:27-29 "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me."

Expectations destroy limitations.  
Stop expecting, you stop believing.  
Stop believing, you stop working.  
You start making excuses and blaming others.

Run to win.

1 Corinthians 9:23-27 "I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."

1. Teachable
2. Keep Faith

How do we do that?

Ephesians 5:25-27 "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."

Two provisions that Jesus made for His people:

1. Complete redemption by His blood
2. That we might become one as He and the Father are one

John 17:11, 20-23 "I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one ... "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May

they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

Process – Cleansing and sanctifying through the washing of the Word.

Submit – To the operation of His Word in our minds – hearts – lives (action) that we may be made holy and blameless.

Cleanse – Purification

Sanctify – From the word Sanct (Saint) To make holy

John 17:17 “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”

Bring Separation – from sin

Separates you unto God from all that’s impure.

Hebrews 12:14-15 “Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.”

Hebrews 12:2 “Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Inside-out

1. Word washes away impurity
2. Changes our values
3. Changes our motives

We identify with God’s purposes.

Job 23:10 “But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.”

Ephesians 4:12 – 16 “To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

1 Corinthians 12:12-15 “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews

or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray continually.”

Walk in unity – we all important piece of the puzzle.  
Remove “I” from team.

Romans 14:19 “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.”

Teachable – transparent (tear down walls)  
Pray together – it’s the life blood of the church.  
Know the Word.

Ezra 3:1 “When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, the people assembled together as one in Jerusalem.”

As one man.

Matthew 16:18 “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

Build my church – revelation of who Jesus is. Unless the Lord builds the house...  
Two powerful things work together – Word and Spirit  
Relationship – Reconciliation

Spread your wings and fly, saints!

Look up! The gates of hell will not prevail.

Learn to love – love makes miracles.