

BEING PART OF A YOUTH WORKER TEAM

Philippians 2:19-22 – “But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s. But ye know the proof of him, that as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.”

Ephesians 4:11-12 – “And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

INTRODUCTION:

The simple fact is, this is a team! This is a team God has assembled to operate and build the youth ministry. Please keep in mind that, no matter what the role or position is on this team, it is an extremely important one. Not one of us could do what is required alone; each person is needed. God has brought us together to complete a task that would be impossible for anyone of us to do single-handedly.

The success of the youth group, growth of the teenagers, and the salvation of many unsaved teens will depend on the spirit and cooperation that takes place as everyone works together, as a team. With the idea of teamwork in mind, notice some important keys to developing a successful team and working with a team spirit.

I. Maintain a proper perspective.

It is always easy to get involved in the work of the ministry for the wrong motives. It would be easy to work with the youth for selfish motives. Examine your heart and remember that you are here to be a servant. Of course, we are leaders in regard to the operation of the youth group, but the role of leadership simply means that we have the opportunity to serve people in a greater way. Let us each keep a servant’s heart. Let our motivation be that of pleasing Christ and bringing glory to His name and not our own.

No one is above or below another person. There is not a political ladder of position or success. To impact and influence the lives of teenagers for the cause of Christ, everyone must serve and work together. Each team member has different gifts and abilities, and God has chosen to place us together so we can have a more effective ministry in a greater way. If there is pulling against each other and fighting for selfish initiatives, our effectiveness in the ministry will be lost. We must bind together, remembering that we are here to be servants and care for the needs of others.

2. Maintain a close walk with the Lord.

Remember that, in general, teenagers will never experience a greater level of spiritual commitment than what they see in the staff. When the worker was introduced to the youth group, it communicated a message to the teenagers that said, “If you want to know how to live the Christian life, live like him or her.” Be careful to maintain a spiritual direction in your own personal life. The need is for “FAT” youth workers (*faithful, available and teachable*). Keep in mind that God is not looking for the perfection in your life, but the direction of your life.

3. Accept and commit to responsibility.

In order to be a successful team, each member has to accept the areas in which he is involved and perform them to the best of his ability. Everyone plays an important role in making the youth group work and grow, both spiritually and numerically.

4. Be faithful to regular youth worker meeting times.

Though these meetings are not frequent, they are extremely important. Part of the key to developing a workable team is practice. Every time there is a youth workers’ fellowship or Saturday morning meeting, consider it as practice and training for the youth ministry. At each of these meetings, direction is given regarding new training and insight that will create new ways to help the teens. These meetings bind the team together as a strong unit and make each member more capable of carrying out his duties.
