Better Together In Ministry

In His grace, God has given all of us unique gifts and abilities...

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

(1 Cor. 12:4-6)

Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts... (Exodus 31:1-3)

Stack them together in community and we have team ministry...

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Pet. 4:10)

- Some are called to <u>lead</u> "It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people..." (Eph. 4:11-12a)
- All are called to serve "...for works of service..." (Eph. 4:12b)

Team ministry requires...

- A desire to <u>please</u> God "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Col. 3:23-24)
- A leadership from the <u>bottom-up</u> "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave for even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Matt. 20:26-28)
- A love for the whole, not just the parts "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all it's parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ." (1 Cor. 12:12)
- An <u>unselfish</u> attitude with your <u>time</u> "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Gal. 6:9-10)

...and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2)