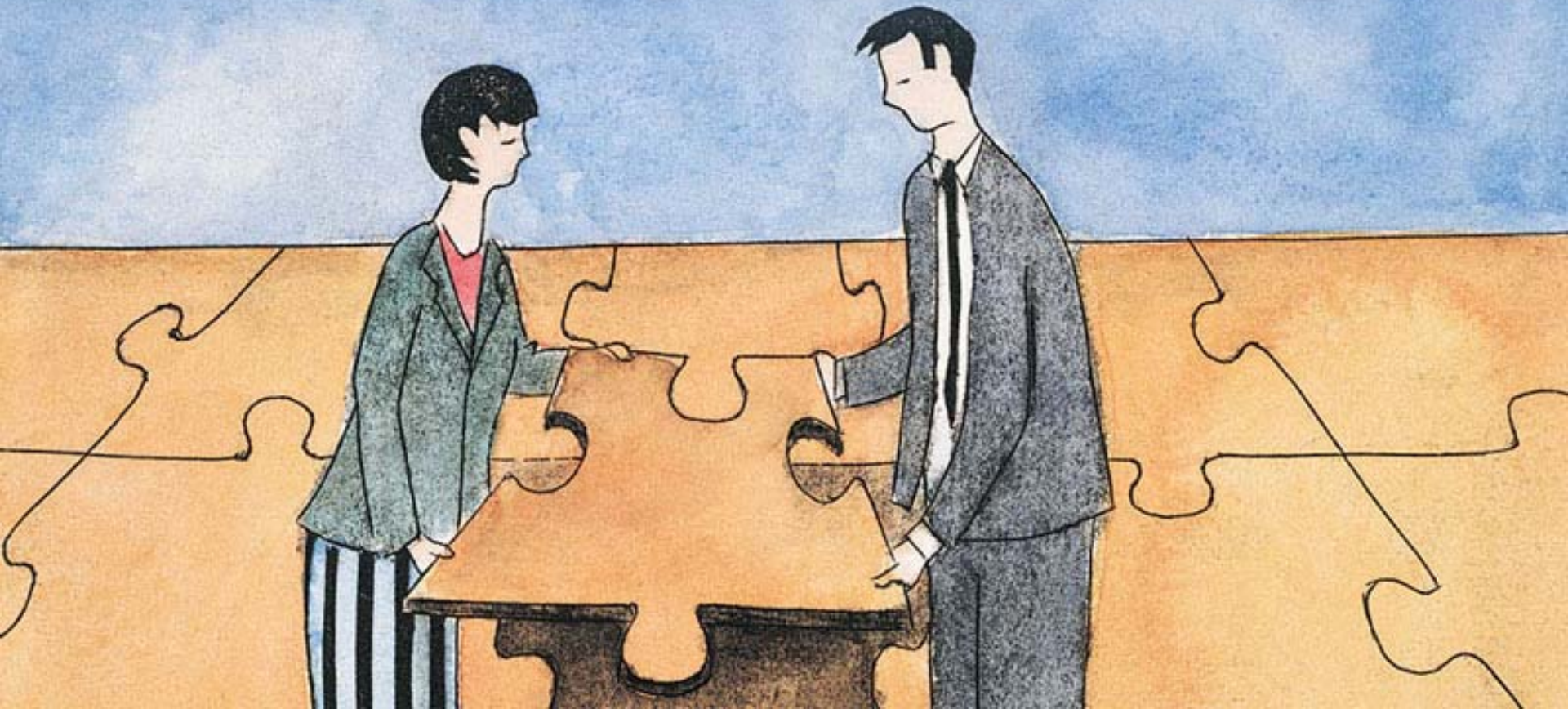




Let Me Strengthen You ...

By Sending My Teammates





1 Thessalonians 3:1-8

- 1 So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens.
2 We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith,
3 so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them.
4 In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know.



1 Thessalonians 3:1-8

- 5 For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.
- 6 But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you.
- 7 Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith.
- 8 For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.



Mr. Jones Ad!

Monday:

For sale: R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Phone 948-0707 after 7 P.M. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.



Mr. Jones Ad!

Tuesday:

We regret having erred In R.D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read "One sewing machine for sale cheap. Phone 948-0707 and ask for Mrs. Kelly, who lives with him after 7 P.M."



Mr. Jones Ad!

Wednesday:

R.D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in the classified ad yesterday. The ad stands correct as follows: "For sale R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 948-0707 after 7 P.M. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves with him."



Mr. Jones Ad!

Thursday:

I, R.D. Jones, have no sewing machine for sale. I smashed it. Don't call 948-0707 as I have had the phone disconnected. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday she was my housekeeper but she quit!



Team Work in Ministry – Why?

- The work is too difficult for one person alone.
- Biblical Examples of Teams:
 1. Moses and Aaron
 2. Moses and Joshua
 3. Elijah and Elisha
 4. David and Jonathan
 5. Noah and His Sons
 6. Peter, James and John
 7. Paul and Barnabas
 8. Paul and Silas
 9. Paul and Timothy



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The best ministry occurs when we all agree philosophically on the mission

i.e. Father, Son, and Spirit

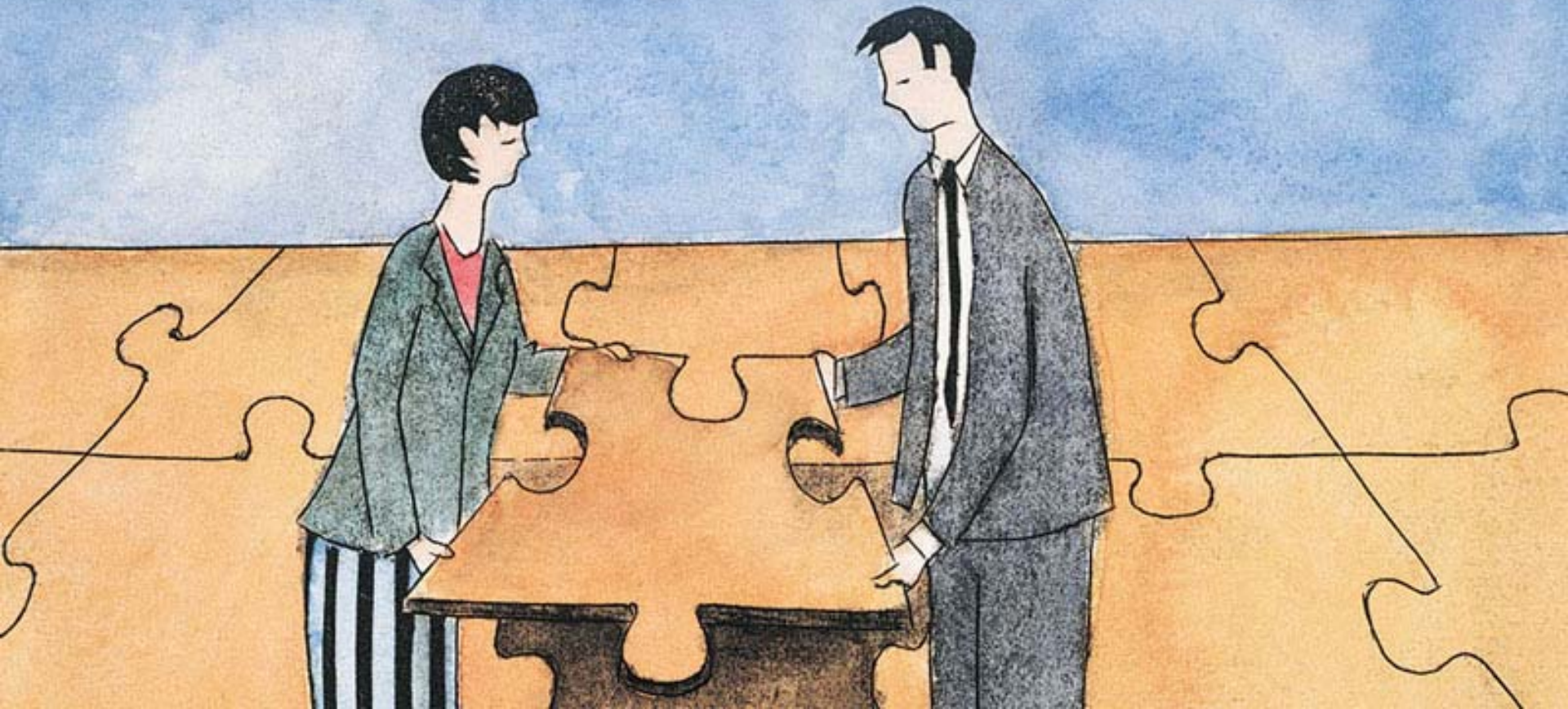


Team Work in Ministry – What?

- ***An agreement in Principle ...***
to strengthen and encourage you in your faith,
- ***An agreement in Purpose ...***
to build up the people of God
- ***An agreement in Product ...***
For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.

Assessment Questions

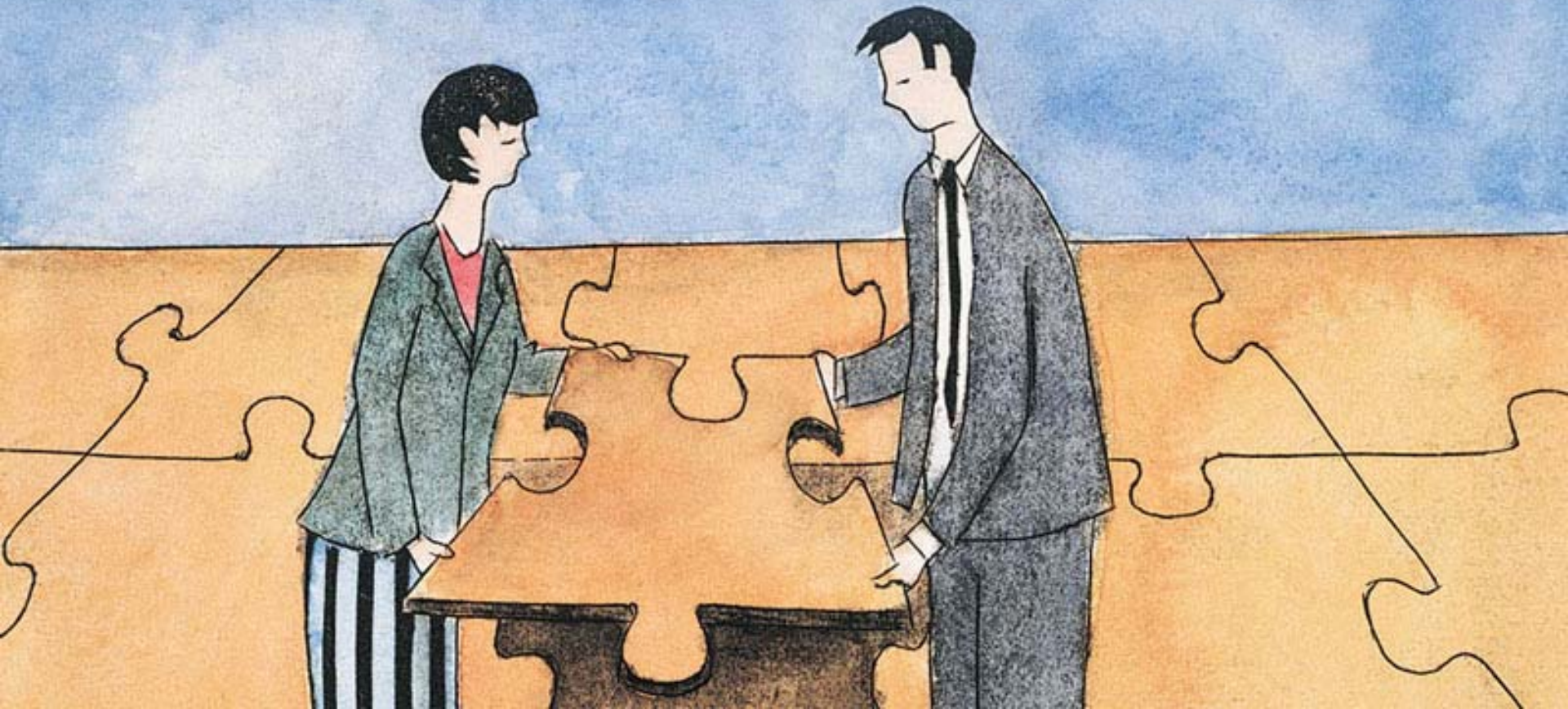
Who are my Teammates?



Assessment Questions

What Type of Teammate am I?

Am I with the Team or Just on the Team?



Assessment Questions

What Type of Teammate am I?

Am I united with my Teammates around the mission? Do I understand the mission, am I helping others to understand it?



Assessment Questions

What Type of Teammate am I?

Am I dealing with disagreements and frustrations properly?

