

Life Change Application

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1 Corinthians 3:7-9 (NLT) ... “The ones who do the planting or watering aren't important, but **God is important** because he is the one who makes the seed grow. [8] The one who plants and the one who waters **work as a team** with **the same purpose**. Yet they will be rewarded individually, according to their own hard work. [9] We work together as **partners** who belong to God.”

3. (16) You have to be a player _____ to doing your part to helping the team win.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NLT) ... “God has given gifts **to each of you** from his great variety of spiritual gifts. **Manage them well** so that God's generosity can flow through you. [11] Are you called to be a speaker? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then **God will be given glory** in everything through Jesus Christ. All glory and power belong to him forever and ever. Amen.”

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**Answers:** ... team ... ego ... insecurities ... value ... invested ... Team ... coachable ... team player ... committed.

## Get In The Game!

Ephesians 4:16

**Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)** ... “Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As **each part does its own special work**, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

Whether you care about tonight's game or not, you may not realize it, but every day in some way or another you too are a part of a \_\_\_\_\_.

**John Maxwell** ... The question is not .. *Will you participate in something that involves others?* The question is .. *Will your involvement with others be successful?*

In many ways .. we are a **team minded** society!

Even though that is true, there are those who just **refuse** to be a part of a team. They are simply not willing to play on a team .. or they refuse to build teams. **Maxwell** gives several reason for that mindset:

1. An issue of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Problems with personal \_\_\_\_\_.

**Chuck Swindoll** ... *Nobody is a whole team. We need each other. You need someone and someone needs you. Isolated islands we're not. To make this thing called life work, we gotta lean and support. And relate and respond. And give and take. And confess and forgive. And reach out and embrace and rely ... Since none of us is a whole, independent, self-sufficient, super-capable, all-powerful hotshot,*

let's

*quit acting like we are. Life's lonely enough without our playing that silly role. The game is over. So .. let's link up.*

Men like **Washington** have always known that. But no one knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of a **Team** better than **Jesus!**

**Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT)** ... "One day as Jesus was walking along the shore beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called **Peter**, and **Andrew**—fishing with a net, for they were commercial fishermen. [19] Jesus called out to them, '**Come, be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people!**' [20] And **they left their nets at once and went with him.**

[21] A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, **James** and **John**, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, mending their nets. And **he called them to come**, too. [22] **They immediately followed him**, leaving the boat and their father behind."

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Himself in their lives.

**Luke 19:10 (NCV)** ... "The Son of Man came to **find** lost people and **save them.**"

**John 5:19-20 (NLT)** ... "Jesus replied, '**I assure you, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.**' [20] **For the Father loves the Son and tells him everything he is doing, and the Son will do far greater things than healing this man. You will be astonished at what he does.**'"

**John 14:12 (NLT)** ... "The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the **same works** I have done, and even **greater works**, because I am going to be with the Father."

Jesus gave them the opportunity to come together as His \_\_\_\_\_ of Disciples.

**Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)** ... "Jesus replied, '**You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.**' [38] **This is the first and greatest commandment.** [39] **A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'** [40] **All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.**"

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)** ... "Jesus came and told his disciples, '**I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth.**' [19] **Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.** [20] **Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**'"

**Acts 1:8 (NLT)** ... "But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and **will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**"

**Matthew 16:18 (NLT)** ... "I will build my church, and all the powers of hell **will not conquer it.**"

God wants you in the game!

1. (11b-12) You have to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 23:11 (NLT)** .. "The greatest among you must be a **servant.**"

2. (13-15) You have to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

**John Maxwell** ... *Individuals play the game, but teams win championships.*