

Big “I” - Little “U”

No doubt, you have seen the “slogan” or “play on letters and words in the statement”, “There is no I in team!” Please read the article on the inside page. I copied it from a bulletin I edited at Northside in Tucson, Arizona.

The inside article is intended to show a principal need in the local church. However, the principle is applicable for success in educational, business and industrial circles as well. It is also needed in the deliberations of elders. Often in deliberative bodies there may be one or more who have a more dominant personality than others, and who will assume or find themselves “chief”. Sometimes they are forced into that position by the others, and sometimes they force themselves into that position by ego. It may be they have convinced themselves they are wiser or more astute, and need to exert power. If elders in the Lord’s church encounter this problem, the answer is simple, just remember, “...to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think... (Rom. 12:3). Elders are shepherds over the local flock, but are sheep in the flock of the “Chief” Shepherd (1 Pet 5:4), and must behave, and conduct themselves with the meekness of sheep. CAB





One of the most difficult tasks is to get people to work together as a team. This is true because there is no "I" in TEAM! Working together as a team necessitates the forgetting of self, and always doing what is best for the team. This calls for unselfishness, a willingness to use one's talents to help others, rather than for self aggrandizement. Team effort eliminates personal glory

hunting, and insists that all honor be given to the team rather than to some individual member.

One of the greatest team efforts in the world is THE LOCAL CHURCH. Each member is a part of the team, and bears equal responsibility to the function of the whole. It is no place for PERSONAL GLORY, or selfishness. No member of the team has any right to expect something from others which he does not give, namely, his best effort.

Paul makes this truth very clear. In Rom. 12 he shows that all members have varying talents that must be used for the good of all. In Phil. 2:3,4, he says, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." In Rom. 12:10, he says, "Be kindly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another." In 1 Cor. 12, he shows how each member is dependent upon every other and cannot say, "I have no need of you" (v.21). Let each Christian remember, we are all necessary parts of a team, and it has no "I" in it.

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Someone has said, "When we pray for souls, we become partners with God in saving the world." What greater work is there to do than this.. Try hard next week to save someone with God's help. Bring them to hear.