

# The Team Concept

## Every Member is a Genius

When God created the spiritual life for the Church Age believer, he placed all the believers into a team. Therefore, we must understand how this team functions, and how this team becomes a great team. No team ever functions well together and becomes a winning team without a lot of training and respect for authority.

The team in the Bible is described as the body and its leader is called the head. Jesus Christ is the head and all Christians make up the body, the universal Church of Jesus Christ. At salvation, God the Holy Spirit gives each believer a spiritual gift. This spiritual gift determines what position the Christian plays on the team. Not every Christian can be the quarterback; not every Christian can be the running back and carry the ball. Some Christians must do the blocking. Some Christians must do the tackling. Every position is important. The quarterback is not going to be effective unless there is good blocking and tackling. Furthermore, the team is not going to be an effective and winning team unless they train hard namely learn the word of God well and develop humility that they might accept the authority of their leader.

**1 Corinthians 12:1 “Now concerning spiritual gifts brethren, I do not wish you to be ignorant.”**

At salvation every believer was given a spiritual gift by the Holy Spirit. The Greek word *χαρισμα* (*charisma*) means a gift freely and graciously given without any human merit. God forms the spiritual team through spiritual gifts. However, God did not give these gifts based on human merit, but on the basis of grace. None of us deserve to be on this team. Therefore, no member of the team has a right to boast about his spiritual gift.

In the Corinthian Church there was a great deal of ignorance regarding spiritual gifts, so that many Corinthians who had a sensational spiritual gift considered themselves better than other believers. This was sheer stupidity for ones spiritual gift does not make one superior. Ones spiritual gift just determines what position he will play on the team.

Many churches use the expressions clergy and lay people (laity or ordinary believers). The Bible never uses these expressions. The church is a team made up of many spiritual gifts. No believer is superior based on his spiritual gift and no Christian is an ordinary believer.

Many pastors will not teach their congregation technical theological vocabulary and systematic theology because they consider their congregation as inferior and not qualified to understand these things. This is totally incorrect. Every believer is a member of the royal family of God, a royal priest and ambassador of Christ (1 Peter 2:5, 9; 2 Cor. 5:20). As a priest he must learn all the technical vocabulary and doctrines in Scripture to function correctly. As an ambassador he cannot represent the Lord by his life and speech unless he is highly educated in the matters of the spiritual life. So, every believer is given a human spirit and the Filling of the Spirit. The human spirit (capable of learning all spiritual information, 1 Cor. 2:10-12) and the Filling of the Spirit (supernatural power, Jn. 14:26) means that every believer is a spiritual genius, having the necessary spiritual IQ to understand every category of Bible doctrine, including advanced systematic theology along with its theological vocabulary and all the technical words found in Scripture. There is no such person as an ordinary Christian.