

# EMBASSY COLLEGE



αὐτῆς ἃς ἐμπροσθεν μου γέγονεν, οἱ πρῶτος  
μου ἦν. **31**κἀγὼ οὐκ ἤδειν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ἵνα  
φανερωθῆ τῷ Ἰσραὴλ διὰ τοῦτο ἦλθον ἐγὼ  
ἐν ὕδατι βαπτίζων. **32**Καὶ ἐμαρτύρησεν  
Ἰωάννης λέγων ὅτι Τεθέαμαι τὸ πνεῦμα.



## SYLLABUS AND STUDY GUIDE How to Assemble Apostolic Teams AT681

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# COURSE SYLLABUS

- I. COURSE TITLE: PT681 – Leadership Principles III**
- II. COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course focuses on creating and assembling members of an Apostolic Ministry Team in a local church or other ministry. It is designed to emphasize how to choose team members, hindrances, benefits, training, and the multiplication of power in an effective team. Loyalty as a central ingredient is examined. The nature of an Apostolic Ministry Center concludes the study.
- III. COURSE RATIONALE:** The study of this course will enhance the student’s knowledge and skills in effective leadership of people and organizations. The student’s awareness and ability to apply Christian leadership principles will be increased.
- IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:** When one has successfully completed this course, he/she will be able to:
- A. Understand and appreciate the value of teamwork in Christian ministry.
  - B. Describe the ingredients of a successful apostolic team for a local church or other ministry.
  - C. Define the basic principles of apostolic ministry and how to build a team to fulfill them.
  - D. Apply principles of team ministry to a twenty-first century church.
  - E. Develop the character and mindset that will enable the creation and operation of a true Apostolic Ministry Center.
- V. COURSE TEXTS:**

Cottle, Dr. Ronald E. *Developing Leadership Teams*, Columbus, GA: Christian Life Publishers, 2014.

Student Guide and Syllabus

## **VI. SUGGESTED TOOLS OF STUDY:**

- A. The Holy Bible – King James Version plus one other version, translation of one’s choice.
- B. Read the textbook before the course and take as many personal notes on it as time allows. Examine Bible passages included in the textbook.
- C. Read or peruse as many books listed in the bibliography as possible.
- D. Study the syllabus with an open Bible and prepare for the instructor’s lectures.
- E. Take many notes. It will help you to share notes with a study partner at the end of each session.
- F. Optional: Teaching CD: “How to Assemble an Apostolic Team” available at Ron Cottle Ministries, 6003 Veterans Parkway, Columbus, GA 31909 or <https://buy.roncottleministries.com>.

## **VII. CLASSROOM METHODOLOGY:**

- A. Lecture followed by class discussion.
- B. Time will be provided for in-class sharing.

## **VIII. COURSE EVALUATION:**

- A. Attendance at ALL the lectures is required. If a lecture is missed for any reason, the chancellor must be informed in advance and the student must listen to a recording of the lecture.
- B. Final Exam

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## SESSION ONE

### HOW TO ASSEMBLE AN APOSTOLIC TEAM

#### INTRODUCTION

An apostolic team, like any other team, is a group of leaders in which individual egos and agendas are \_\_\_\_\_ to the unity, efficiency, and success of the team.

Of course, individuals remain important and are not obliterated in some amorphous whole. But each unique and anointed person \_\_\_\_\_ his gifts and efforts in harmony to accomplish \_\_\_\_\_ goals.

#### I. CHARACTERISTICS OF AN APOSTOLIC TEAM

Effective apostolic teams have some characteristics that cause greater \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. These are important and include the following:

A. Mutual \_\_\_\_\_

While leadership roles remain clear and understood, there must be mutual respect for every member. Each has his/her place in the whole. Without every member functioning fully, the common goals will not be reached. Individual ideas, gifts, and efforts are merged as one for the greatest good of all.

I Corinthians 12:7 (NIV)

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
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B. \_\_\_\_\_

Number one is impossible to achieve unless members listen to one another. Ideas must be freely \_\_\_\_\_ so that the success of the team is maximized. The only bad opinion is the \_\_\_\_\_ opinion.

C. \_\_\_\_\_

Full and frank discussion involves asking questions, interacting regarding methods, motives, and desired outcomes. It is vital for ideas to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ until agreement is reached.

D. \_\_\_\_\_

It is important that \_\_\_\_\_ contribute of their energies, anointing, and resources to the success of the team.

Never ask of someone else what you are not willing to do or contribute. A willingness to share and help is required of \_\_\_\_\_ team member.

## II. SHARED VISION: TEAMWORK

A. Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:

<sup>10</sup> If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

<sup>11</sup> Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

<sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

## B. Examples of Teamwork

1. The Methodist Conference of North Carolina met 110 years ago.

One of their leaders challenged the ministers with a vision he had to reach the lost in bold new ways. He said that men would be able to fly in flying machines faster and farther than ever before. One of the bishops in the meeting became angry at the so-called spiritual word. His name was Wright. He said, "If God wanted man to fly, He would have given him wings!"

A few years later, his own two sons, Orville and Wilbur flew the first "flying machine" 1200 feet. Two years after that, they built an airplane that could fly 60 miles in under 2 hours. That was in 1908. How did they do it?  
Partnership . . . Shared Vision . . . Teamwork.

2. Mother Teresa said: "You can do what I cannot do and I can do what you cannot do. But together we can do great things!"

3. John Wooten was UCLA's basketball coach who won more national championships than any other coach.

- He credited his success to one thing: TEAMWORK!
- He did not allow any "independent stars" to play on his team.
- He recounted Bill Walton, the most sought-after high school basketball player in the nation.
- When Bill Walton arrived at UCLA and heard that Coach Wooten did not allow beards, he walked into Wooten's office and said, "I have a beard and I am going to keep it!"
- Coach Wooten said, "We are going to miss you, Bill."
- Bill Walton got the message. He shaved off the beard and became one of the greatest players in basketball history.

4. "You can whistle a tune by yourself, but you can't whistle a symphony."

- IT TAKES \_\_\_\_\_ TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

### III. THE POWER OF THE TEAM

#### A. Why is there so much power in a TEAM?

##### 1. Genesis 11:6 (NIV)

The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them."

##### 2. In creation God said often times in Genesis 1, "And God saw it was good."

- But in Chapter 2, God said, "It is not good."
- He was looking at man being alone. "It is not good for man to be alone."  
(v. 18)

#### B. God's model of an Apostolic Team

##### 1. Psalm 68:6

God setteth the solitary in families: He bringeth out these which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.