

# Assembling My Team

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You were created to \_\_\_\_\_

Then God said, "Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves... So God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:26, 28 (New Living Translation)

" God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. Romans 8:29 (The Message)

Your character will determine:

**A. What kind of people those you love most**

I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you. So I ask you to follow my example and do as I do... For the Kingdom of God is not just fancy talk; it is living by God's power. ]1 Corinthians 4:15b-16, 20 (NLT).

**B. How effective you will be at**

"You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden.. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16 (NCV)

Don't be impressed with charisma; look for character. Who preachers are is the main thing, not what they say... Knowing the correct password—saying 'Master, Master,' for instance— isn't going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience—doing what my Father wills. "These

words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. Matthew 7:15b, 21, 24 (Msg)

Your character will determine **C. How well you will**

Don't you know that evil people won't have a share in the blessings of God's kingdom? Don't fool yourselves! [Msg] A number of you know from experience what I'm talking about, for not so long ago you were on that list. Since then, you've been cleaned up and given a fresh start by Jesus, our Master, our Messiah, and by our God present in us, the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (Contemporary English Version + Msg)

Tools God uses to help you become like Jesus:

**1. God's \_\_\_\_\_**

These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock. "But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards." Matthew 7:24-27 (Msg)

**2. Influential \_\_\_\_\_**

We should continue following the truth we already have.. all of you should try to follow my example and to copy those who live the way we showed you.

Philippians 3:16-17 (NCV)

...encourage one another and build each other up,

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

### **3. Difficult** \_\_\_\_\_

*We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us--they help us learn to endure. And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation. And this expectation will not disappoint us. For we know how dearly God loves us...*

Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)

*God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God's holy best. (Hebrews 12:10b, Msg).*