

Redefining Team

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Traditionally the word team calls to mind a group of people banding together to achieve a specific objective within a structure, each individual being assigned a responsibility or task that supports the whole. In this traditional view of team, there is usually a leader who inherits that position for some reason or is voted in to represent, direct and guide the group.

The value of the traditional team model is not in question, however, what untold treasures and untapped potential may lie in creating team with an unconventional twist or two?

Why not reinvent the wheel? It might just give you some new insights.

I have had the honor and privilege of working with a small and extraordinarily talented team of people for the last year and a half. We didn't set out to create a team of any kind let alone an unconventional one and yet that's exactly what happened.

It all started when 4 of us thought it might be useful if we gathered on the phone for a few minutes each morning to expand our prosperity consciousness. Each day during the course of the call, we would each spend a set amount of money. That in itself turned out to be a wonderful tool that expanded our ability to imagine having a great deal more money in our lives.

The real magic however, was what grew out of that time we spent together each day. It wasn't long before that call had grown into an informal master mind call. From that master mind call we began to develop group projects, each of us using our personal talents and points of passion to contribute to the whole.

There is no leader on this team, no one assigns anything to anyone, no one organizes or directs. Each member is a leader in their own right and they each know what they are good at and what they are inspired to do.

Since each member is choosing based on what inspires them, our projects run smoothly and are benefited by the contributions, imaginations and insights of the whole team.

Recently two of us decided to create a casual magazine and presented it to the team. We pulled together our first issue in 6 weeks and it ran as smoothly as any project any of us has ever been on. Everyone is happy with the part they play because each person chose to do that part. It couldn't have worked any better as far as we can see.

I am not suggesting creating teams in the model that we have.

What I am suggesting is to try playing outside the box of the traditional team model and see what might come out of it.

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