

Y.R.P. – What kind of teammate are we

“A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

- Ecclesiastes 4:12

So Monday morning as I was driving to work and listening to the radio, they were talking about the Texans game the day before. They talked about Demaryius Thomas and how he had the rare feat of being traded and then playing the team he was traded from in the same week. In his interview after the game, he was asked how he felt and how personal was the game. He responded that “it’s not about me, it’s about the Houston Texans, the team.” Then they talked about as a member of the Lords Army, we should have that same attitude. This hit me pretty hard and I thought about how selfish of a Follower or member of the Lord’s team I am. Our walk and relationship with the Lord should say the same thing as D. Thomas. As believers on the Lord’s Team, how often do we have this same attitude? Or Honestly, how often do I not have this attitude, but have an attitude that my walk with the Lord is about ME. About my needs, about me getting blessed, me being provided for, my prayers answered.

Ecclesiastes 4:4-12 New International Version (NIV)

⁴And I saw that all toil and all achievement spring from one person’s envy of another. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

**⁵Fools fold their hands
and ruin themselves.**

**⁶Better one handful with tranquillity
than two handfuls with toil
and chasing after the wind.**

- This is very different than what the world teaches us
- Says having less working calmly
- Is better than stressing to work overtime to have more than you need
- This is so different than what our culture says
- But a lot of what we have is waste and meaningless and just brings more stress

⁷Again I saw something meaningless under the sun:

**⁸There was a man all alone;
he had neither son nor brother.**

**There was no end to his toil,
yet his eyes were not content with his wealth.**

LIFE Huddle: Getting together to talk through issues of life

"For whom am I toiling," he asked,
"and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?"

This too is meaningless—
a miserable business!

- If we have everything, but don't have people to share it with, it's meaningless
- God bless us, but we should enjoy and be thankful for what he has given us
- Sometimes we are so busy like this man chasing after the next thing, we don't enjoy what God has given us
- Again this is often me and the culture we live in.
- I'm so busy working or working on my To Do List, I don't enjoy what I have or the down time with my kids

⁹Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:

¹⁰If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.

¹¹Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.

But how can one keep warm alone?

¹²Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.

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- Doing things with others is better than by yourself
 - o There is strength in numbers
 - o You can get more done
 - o You can help if another needs help or makes a mistake
 - o As a group it easier to make sure all basic needs are met
- That Cord of three strands all have the same mission
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P2R (Point 2 Remember): "It's great to be a good teammate on the court, work, etc. But what's most important is being a great teammate for the Lords Army"