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THE HEART VALUES OF A WORSHIP TEAM

9 ATTITUDES THAT CHANGE EVERYTHING

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"WE ARE HERE TO SERVE."

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TWO TRIBES; ONE DISCOVERY

The Zulus (Africa) and the Passamaquoddy (Northeastern US) have something in common; they both function from a tribal approach to their creative work, rather than a team approach. What can we learn from this that will build the strength of our worship community?

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GALATIANS 5:22

"But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard – things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart...

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... and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely."

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1. LOVE (AFFECTION FOR OTHERS)

Express dignity and appreciation to one another. Express friendship beyond the task of worship ministry. Make it a point to express appreciation at the beginning of each time you engage in a task or mission together. Involve elements in the "way you prepare" that nurture shared affection "while you prepare."

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2. JOY (EXUBERANCE ABOUT LIFE)

Laugh together. Play together. Make the journey the destination. Plan some form of fun, non-explicitly spiritual get-togethers, at least 2x a year together. This will enhance our relational sense of mission while we rehearse and fulfill our task.

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3. PEACE (SERENITY)

Keep short accounts with one another. Take the time to pray when the task is becoming a burden. Be difficult to offend. If you offend another, make it right asap (email is a last resort - go live). Make it a challenge for anyone to ruffle your feathers in a rehearsal, before or during an event. Always pray for others.

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4. PATIENCE (WILLING TO STICK WITH THINGS)

Take your time with one another. Sacrificially give people space and grace to grow. Model patience in rehearsals. When the vocalist needs to work on their part, don't play the drums or diddle around on your instrument. Show patience with younger players, or other players who need more time to nail something.

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5. KINDNESS (COMPASSION IN THE HEART)

Bear one another's burdens. Create a culture of kindness. Find ways to express simple kindnesses at gatherings for rehearsal, etc. Tune someone's guitar, get someone water, ask about someone's instrument.

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6. GOODNESS (A BASIC HOLINESS PERMEATES...)

See ourselves and others as sacred expressions of God's heart. Go beyond looking good, to being good. Evaluate honestly your own personal issues with impure motives, anger, dishonesty, impurity, lust, and get them on the table before God and others who will support you, pray for you, and hold you accountable.

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7. FAITHFULNESS (LOYAL COMMITMENTS)

Dignify others. Show up on time and don't expect everyone else's faithfulness to cover for any lack in you. Decide that, for one month, you will seek to understand how areas of weakness in your own life (being late, not communicating well by phone or electronically, being un-reliable) may be affecting others.

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8. GENTLENESS (NOT FORCING OUR WAY IN LIFE)

Approach others as a Giver, not a Taker. Practice entrusting our roles to God instead of taking our identity from them. Choose to re-direct any energies you put into grumbling or complaining about others into prayer for them, prayer for you, and acts of gentle support. Be willing to step down from any platform, and to serve.

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9. SELF-CONTROL (DIRECT OUR ENERGIES)

Learn to steward your time, energy and resources well. Learn that every Yes to one thing is a No to another. Follow through on your word, or renegotiate commitments. Evaluate, every 6 months, your commitments. Sit down, prayerfully approach them, receive input from others, and make obedient decisions.

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