

Aaron

Effective teamwork happens when each team member uses their special skills that will contribute something important to the team effort.

In this way, members can make up for one another's weaknesses.

Aaron made a good team with Moses, Aaron needed Moses as well.

Without a guide, Aaron had little direction of his own. There was never a doubt as to who God's chosen and trained leader was.

The pliability that made Aaron a good follower made him a weak leader.

One example of this is illustrated by Aaron's response to the people when Moses was a long time on Mount Sinai receiving instructions from God.

Exodus 32:1-5 [New King James] *"Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, 'Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' And Aaron said to them, 'Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a moulded calf. Then they said, 'This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!' So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.'"*

Aaron was probably reluctant to give into the entreaties of the people but he gave in to the pressure.

Most of us have more of a follower than a leader in us.

We may even be good followers, following a good leader, but no human leader is perfect so does **not** deserve our complete allegiance, **only** the Creator God is perfect.

We need to be an effective team member, using our skills and abilities we have been given by God, but if the team leader goes against God's Word, the Christian Bible, we must have the strength of character and willingness to stand alone.

In spite of Aaron's sin of giving in to the pagan desires of the people, God used him to serve as a high priest.

The induction of Aaron as high priest was a solemn occasion and was conducted by Moses, this set Aaron apart for the sacred office, [Leviticus 8:1-36].

It comes as somewhat of a shock that Aaron associated with his sister Miriam in making a jealous complaint against Moses.

The pretext was Moses' marriage to a Cushite woman, but God made it very clear to Miriam and Aaron the nature of Moses' office, [Numbers 12:1-15].

We read that Moses and Aaron as a united team were objects of a revolt on the part of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, but God showed by a plague that Moses and Aaron were in positions of rightful authority.

Aaron's legitimate position as high priest was made clear as he took a censer and ran into the midst of the congregation, thus making atonement for the people, causing the plague to halt, [**Numbers 16:41-50**].

Aaron's authority as high priest was also re-enforced by the budding, blossoming and fruiting of the staff with his name on it, [**Numbers 17:1-10**].

This rod was to be kept in the ark of God as a testimony against future rebels, [Hebrews 9:4].

Together with Moses, Aaron, because of their unbelief, were precluded from entering the Promised Land, [**Numbers 20:1-13**]. God told Moses to speak to the rock but he struck the rock with Aaron's rod.

Aaron died at the age of 123 years and his garments that were anointed when he was given the office of high priest were passed on to Eleazar, [**Numbers 20:22-29**].