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Week 14 Reflection

This week I prepared for class by completing the preparation material. I read Henry B. Eyring’s talk and Elisabeth’s Kasson’s article. Then I read the other two articles about the habits of highly effective people and how to turn strangers into a team. The topics studies this week were on being a positive influence and how to achieve synergy in your team of strangers. This week, week completed the reflection phase of our project where we looked back on our accomplishments and thought about how we can use the skills we gained from the ACORN project in future situations. From the study material, I learned that one of the main issues with achieving synergy in our communication is a that many people are mistrustful and defensive, and it requires trust to effectively communicate. From the work on my project, I learned that I needed to trust in my teammates in order to be successful and I couldn’t be independent. Our activities in the ACORN projects required us to be dependent and be depended on. From this week’s questions, my team learned the importance of trusting in each other and becoming familiar with each other to be a good team. In GitHub, I posted my assignment on my webpage for this class under the reflections heading in the corresponding link. To somebody who was not in class, I would first tell them to read to prep material and then review the key habits that lead to synergy and why familiarity in a team is beneficial. After explaining this topic to someone who was not in class, I learned that when teaching someone, it is much easier to teach a person you know than a stranger because you have a better understanding as to how they learn. This week’s topic is important for teamwork because if a team was just a bunch a stranger there would be no communication because of the lack of trust thus no possibility for synergy to occur. A good team is comfortable and honest with each other, knowing they can depend on others and also be reliable to their teammates at the same time. If this were a religion class, this topic would relate to the gospel by the topic of trusting in the Lord. Trusting in the Lord enables us to overcome our trials and burdens and also act on our faith which strengthens our testimony. We also need to truly understand who God is to us and how Jesus Christ fits into his plan and how he is central to it all. Much like teamwork requires trust in our teammates, our faith requires trusting in the Lord.