Reflection Week 4

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Total Points: 100

I answered 4 cognitive questions and 2 behavior questions totaling 100 points.

**Cognitive –**

**Why is this week's topic important for teamwork? (20 points)**

In my experience in team sports, if each man doesn’t do his job, the team fails. I played a lot of football and if one man doesn’t do their job each play, then they let someone through and the whole team will then be that closer to failure. Even if you think your job isn’t important, like if a receiver doesn’t block his man on the opposite end of the field, his job can grow into another teammates problem. I think that’s a good analogy to why discipline is important for teamwork.

**How does your experience relate to other experiences you have had? (20 points)**

When I was working as a manager over some computer deployment technicians, I quickly identified which teams were going to perform the best and which were going to perform the worst. As the days went on, the teams that were more driven to complete quality work with each other ended up having to finish the work of the other teams that worked less well. Because of this most of the better guys were able to get promoted and continued to succeed because they had the ethic to continue to grow and get better. We ended up letting most of the other guys go or they sat in the lowest position until they left.

**How do plan on contributing to the team, besides completing your tasks? (20 points)**

I think what we do behind closed doors matters a lot. If you don’t develop the habits to be effective and efficient when your boss isn’t around, I don’t think you will ever be a good team player. The guys that I worked with that were like this were always kind of hated. Despite their skill level that they were able to perform at, they always performed badly with others. The guys that got along with people, even if their skill kinda sucked, they somehow performed better and accomplished more work.

**If this was a religion class, how would you relate this week’s topic to the gospel? (20 points)**

Discipline is huge in the gospel, without it, enduring to the end would be impossible. I think without developing personal discipline, one cannot stay on the covenant path without great difficulty. If you aren’t strong enough to keep developing your testimony then you could never be a team player and help others develop theirs.

**Behavior -**

**What is the most significant take-a-way you have gained from your study this week? (10 points)**

In one of my other classes we watched a video that I think applies to this weeks topic really well. We talked about what makes someone a good team player and some of the kinds of people that may seem to be team players but actually end up causing more problems than solving them. I found out after watching that video that I tend to be a humble and hardworking team player, but I tend to cause more messes than others do.

**How would you explain this week's topics to a person not in this class? (10 points)**

I would talk about the importance of both work ethic and a hunger for success. I think you need both to develop good discipline that will help you and the teams that you will or do work on. If you don’t want to be a burden to others, you have to learn how to be your best self first.