

# Ownership Giving and Receiving

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## Ownership Works

Ownership works because each person has something to give. In other words, to each person God has given special gifts that other people need. They are God's gifts to us, and before time began he designed them into each person so we would all own something to give. Even though they are designed to be used for God's purpose, he gave them to us without repentance. In other words, we have a free will to use them however we want. Ownership works because in this way we are created equal, each person owns something unique to give.

## Teamwork Requires Ownership

Team members give what they own to the team owner who defines the team purpose. Therefore, teams require ownership. A team is someone giving something to someone else with the help of others. A strategy is a high level plan that defines the team, the owner's purpose, his strengths (what he does for his customer) and weaknesses (what he needs from his suppliers), his environment, and his goals and objectives. In other words, strategies are definitions or relationships, and strategic planning is like making war on a map. Since we were designed to work together, the owner gives and the owner receives. The owner receives from other owners and their supporting teams (the owner receives from his suppliers). Since everyone has a gift, the owner gives to other owners and their supporting teams (the owner gives to his customers). Every team member (Owner, Supplier, or Customer) is giving what he owns with the help of others.

## Personal Social Work

Ownership works. For example: workers with social callings and gifts should own the social projects and have to compete for their funding from the 80% of people wanting to fund them. In this way those workers would own the funds personally. As owners, they could help their customers personally with their gift while proving their gifting for more funding. If their gift is administration, they could be paid only for that administration with most of the funding going directly to the gifted social workers as directed by that administration.

## Without Ownership

Receiving or giving property without ownership is stealing. A tax collector takes property from one person and (after taking his share) gives that person's property to another person. Without the first person's consent, this involuntary transfer of

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ownership is stealing. For example: any corporate or social giving not within the consent of 100% of the people should be called stealing.

## **Bad Ownership, No Ownership, or Social Justice**

Any system that is based on taking from the customer is designed to fail no matter what we believe. If there is competition, it will not be competitive. But, if we believe every one has something special to give, systems designed to give to the customer will succeed. Without competition, we fail also. If everyone is a like special stone that the body or society needs, then why would anyone want to give up their special status and become a common brick? The answer is power. The reason special stones would choose to become common bricks: the power to take material things. When one becomes a common brick, he sacrifices ownership of his god given gifts to the organizer for the promise of material things. Competition is eliminated; then ownership power transfers to the organizer.

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