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Re: "Team Player" & Higher Principles

To: Kofi

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I'm putting this in writing so you can forward it to any who would need to consider it. I'm doing this because I feel I'm being unfairly construed as not being a team player because of what happened with how I walked away from Sis. Ward's choir practicing for an Easter program. There's a lot more to this that puts a very different angle on it.

First, I want to tell you what I did instead of Choir on Sat. 3/15 9am. I was in the Chapel I working with Franswa (sp?) to help him nowish a singing gift he has. This was our second session together. He went from not being able to sing ~~to~~ even close to the right pitch - way off, not able to go up or down in a different key - to singing nearly an entire song not only on pitch but with great quality. He has a gorgeous voice. I could see him becoming a famous singer.

I don't know if you were in church on Sunday (3/16), but John Coltharp (110A) did a great job singing lead in Hymn 181, "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" in our ensemble we cobbled ~~to~~ together. I thought it went well. That was a team effort that stretched everyone in a good way to go far beyond what they're

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used to doing. That was the second time ever that John performed in public. A week prior, he was nearly adamantly against the idea of singing for church. Yesterday in Don Robinson's choir, he proactively suggested we do Hymn 100 "I Need Thee Every Hour" in church next ~~Sunday~~. Farneli hadn't even practiced with us but had heard us practicing and felt comfortable walking up to join us when we performed in church (3/15). I am a team player and I excel in helping people rise to excellence. I don't have much patience for mediocrity. When things can be improved greatly, they should be, not snuffed to settle for the least-common-denominator that is okay with mediocrity.

I have a blossoming gift of director, and Sister Ward not only snuffed it, she refused to listen to my proposal for a win-win option. It was her way or the highway. I refuse to be part of snuffing gifts of the Spirit. I bask in helping rise to their best, not the opposite.

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I Apply in Vain for Section Leadership Openings — "Team Player" Questioned

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(enclosed)

A week ago, I applied[^] for (A) Section Representative (key leader), (B) Assistant Sec. Rep., and (C) Seminar Lead (if Brett were to be selected for A or B, opening C).

I thought I had a very strong application and had high hopes that I'd be selected for A, or at least B. However, I wasn't even interviewed.

Puzzled, I ask building leader (inmate) Kofi to give me suggestions of how I might better fill out the application. A while later, when he had a few seconds, he said a concern was expressed that I'm not a team player, citing something that occurred in Sis. Ward's choir on 3/14 (see Sterling Daily). I then wrote him a letter explaining my perspective of that event. (Also enclosed.)

