

# **Jerry Bridges- Interview with Lindy Black**

*Jerry Bridges*

I. Introduction.

II. Lindy Black discusses Jerry's life, books, and ministry with him.

A. Jerry got involved in the Navigators in the Navy.

B. Jerry became a Christian at 18 years old.

C. Jerry's staff experience with the Navigators includes the correspondence manager, a personal assistant, a manager of the grounds of Navigators' headquarters, a personal assistant to the European director, starting a ministry in Kansas City, and Navigator administration.

D. Jerry's books came out of his own study and then teaching of the scriptures.

1. *The Pursuit of Holiness* focuses on dependent responsibility in the Christian life.

2. *The Practice of Godliness* focuses on how to put on Christian attributes.

3. *True Community* focuses on the four aspects of Christian fellowship in the Bible.

4. *Trusting God* focuses on three aspects of God's character that we must be convinced of in order to trust Him- His sovereignty, His love, and His wisdom. (Hebrews 13:5; Psalm 119:11)

5. *Transforming Grace* explains that spiritual disciplines do not earn merit before God. We come to God on Christ's merit alone and not our own performance.

6. *The Joy of Fearing God* is Jerry's best book in his own opinion. (Psalm 50:21)

E. Jerry's three passions in ministry are encouraging God's people in the pursuit of holiness, getting Christians to appropriate the Gospel in their everyday lives, and encouraging Christians to pray for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. (Romans 12:1; Genesis 22:18; Revelation 7)

**Application questions:**

1. What are your passions in ministry? Why? How do you practice those passions in your everyday life?

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2. Which of Jerry's books stands out to you? Why is the message of that book attractive? How can you pursue learning more about that subject?

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3. How have you seen God birth ministries to other people out of lessons that He's teaching you?

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