

How to Prepare your Laymen to Help in the Ministry

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I. Introduction.

- A. Laymen are no longer satisfied to be spectators.
- B. God is stirring a new work in the hearts of laymen around the world.

II. What to do to prepare a layman for ministry.

- A. You must be willing to turn loose of control.
- B. You must have a real heart for them. (2 Corinthians 12:15)
- C. You must be willing to pay the price—your life. (Isaiah 43:4; Proverbs 28:23; Leviticus 19:17; Ezekiel 3:20)
- D. You must be honest with them.
- E. You must put aside present pleasure for future gain. (Isaiah 60:22)
- F. You must recognize that vocational ministers cannot accomplish the objective alone.

III. How to work with a man.

- A. Realize that the objective is to multiply men. Success without a successor is a failure. (Isaiah 58:12; Psalm 92)
- B. Accomplish the objective through proclamation and demonstration. The message is carried on in the mainstream of life. (Matthew 22)
- C. How God changes a life.
 - 1. Through his Word. (2 Peter 1:2-3)
 - 2. Through people.
 - 3. Through determination. (Ephesian 6:13)
 - 4. Through discipline. (Proverbs 5:23)
 - 5. By being in the battle and knowing the enemy.

D. An outline.

- 1. Tell them why.
- 2. Show them how.
- 3. Get them started.

4. Keep them going.

E. Remember.

1. Do not be discouraged and quit.
2. You do not work alone.
3. God's time table is not your own.
4. You have to start with one.
5. Always love and never give upon on a man.

Application questions:

1. What is the objective of lay ministry?

2. What tips are most helpful for developing an effective lay ministry?

3. What challenges do you see overcoming in developing this kind of ministry?
