

Pace Setting

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I. Introduction.

- A. Memorizing Scripture, Bible reading, and pacesetting is all basic to the Navigator work.
- B. Pace setting is an athletic term for showing how fast another runner should run to finish the race. (1 Corinthians 9:27) This means keeping the body in subjection.
- C. A pacesetter builds by setting a pattern. He is a way shower like Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)

II. The value of pace setting.

- A. Scripture memory will equip you to lead others to Christ. (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Hebrews 9:27, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12)
- B. Importance of having Scripture on the table of his heart. (Jeremiah 15:16)

III. Following Jesus makes us disciplemakers. (John 14:16)

IV. How to become a pacesetter.

- A. Realize that you cannot become one in yourself - it must come from Christ.
- B. Jesus was a pattern so that we might be a pattern for others. (1 Timothy 1:15-16)
- C. We do not have a problem following men when a man is following Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1, Philippians 3:17)
- D. We are to be a pattern of good works. (Titus 2:7-8, Daniel 6, 1 Thessalonians 1:5, Ephesians 4:1, Philippians 4:8-9)
- E. When we set the pace we get the Lord's presence. (Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Corinthians 4:15-16)

V. Problems of pace setting.

- A. That a man would look to you instead of God.
- B. The excuse that one is not the best pacesetter. (Hebrews 5:1-2, 1 Corinthians 13)
- C. The excuse that one never had his own pacesetter.
- D. Holding a double standard.

VI. In what are we supposed to set the pace?

- A. Show an example in the Word. (John 6:63)

B. Show an example in word and deed. (Philippians 2:21, Philippians 2:3-4)

C. Show an example in your work. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

D. Show an example with your children. (Deuteronomy 11:18-19)

Application questions

1. Why be a pacesetter?

2. How can the problems of pace setting be avoided?

3. Memorize Philippians 2:20-21 and write it below. How does this verse point to pace setting?
