

Contact-Point Philosophy

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Thessalonians 2.

B. The reason that most fail to achieve an objective is that most do not have one.

C. Most Christians operate on half steam because they do not know how to accomplish God's will.

D. Get alone with God in your free time and get some convictions from Him.

II. When we face opposition, we are to stick to the Word of God.

III. We must be honest in our ministry if we are to expect the blessing of God. (II Corinthians 4:2)

A. We must not work with people so they can help us.

B. Our counsel must be objective.

IV. If the overtone of your ministry is fellowship or problem solving it will not take root—it must be built upon evangelism.

A. We do more by laying out a strong challenge.

B. If we play a man's game, then men come out to play.

V. We must avoid covetousness and self-glory.

VI. We must love people. (I Timothy 1:5)

VII. We must have a clear conscience avoiding vain things.

VIII. We give and share our lives as true servants of God.

A. God is a true servant, and He is trying to communicate that same spirit to us in a world full of greed and lust. (Numbers 14)

B. We cannot operate on title or position, but instead a heart to serve people.

C. Abstain from anything that might harm others.

IX. We must get people into the Word because it is a great power working in people. (I Corinthians 14:3, Deuteronomy 3:28, I Corinthians 10:13)

X. To establish others it is often important to deny self. (Isaiah 58:10-12)

A. You can be bumped off the track by opposition.

B. You can also be bumped on the track by opposition.

XI. Paul counted his ministry worthless and vain if others did not learn to hold the Word of God themselves. (Philippians 2:16, I John 2:28, Exodus 17:11)

A. Diligent prayer is one of the most powerful methods of our work.

B. Our people need prayer.

Application questions:

1. What role does the Word have in ministry? Explain.

2. What role does honesty play in ministry? What does it look like?

3. How does biblical servant leadership look? What will you do this week that exemplifies a servant leader's heart?
