

# **Philosophy of Ministry**

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I. Introduction.

II. Stages.

- A. Sending people to other nations.
- B. Developing national leadership.
- C. Developing extensive and broad ministry within a country.
- D. Developing Navigator profile disciples over the course of a year.
- E. Developing disciple makers over the course of a couple of years.
- F. Developing pastors or missionaries depending upon a person's gifts.

III. Effective counselors have three basic qualities.

- A. Accurate empathy.
- B. Non-possessive warmth.
- C. Authenticity.

IV. Philosophy of Training.

- A. The process is as important as the product. Knowledge and experience shape conviction. (II Timothy 3:10-11)
- B. Training involves the total man. Both parties must be wholly convicted. (John 1)
- C. The product is to be a person rightly related to the body and to Christ. (Ephesians 4:13)
  - 1. Ministry organizations are not the focus.
  - 2. We are to have a spirit of unity with every believer.
- D. Success in training depends on...
  - 1. Selection.

a. Select the one who loves Jesus, is willing to pay the price and is teachable.

b. Pray before selection. (Luke 6:12)

2. Leading by example and precept to an experience of the sufficiency of Christ.

3. Travailing to see men and women come through the crises. (Galatians 4:19)

**Application questions:**

1. Explain the value of viewing ministry in stages.

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2. Why is the process as important as the product in training men?

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3. Which area of successful training stands out to you? What strikes you about it?

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