

# **Good Minister - Part 1 - Nourish in the Word**

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## I. Introduction.

A. The testimony of John Prince.

B. The Navigators belief is that God will give the ministry thousands more like John Prince who unabashedly shared their faith.

C. Text: 1 Timothy 4:6-10.

D. Theme: you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus.

## II. What makes up a good servant.

A. He is nourished on the words of the faith and good doctrine.

1. The testimony of Dawson Trotman.

a. He personally received Christ through memorizing Scripture. (John 5:24)

b. He began to find victory in his life through memorizing Scripture as well.

c. As a result the Navigators center themselves on Scripture memory.

B. He has faith.

1. Trotman also claimed many promises that paved the way for spiritual reproduction. (Isaiah 60)

2. Trotman started where he was at with what he had. The big point is that he started with some promises of God and a belief that He would accomplish them.

3. It is more important to know that God is going to do something than how.

4. The most basic thing to great movements is a man of faith behind it.

C. He has good teaching.

1. It is good news.

2. This is the good news of the reconciled, victorious and useful life.

3. The reconciled life. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

a. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.

b. Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

c. The great truths of the Scripture should grip our souls.

4. The victorious life.

5. The useful life.

a. Jesus saw Peter not for what he was but for what he could be. (John 1:41)

b. All our lives can be more useful than they have been.

D. He has nothing to do with godless and silly myths such as those that question the authority of the Bible. (1 Timothy 4)

### **Application questions**

1. What four things make up a good servant according to the speaker?

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2. Why is good teaching necessary for today? What kind of product does good teaching produce?

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3. Which of the characteristics of a good servant was most challenging to you? Why? What can you do this week that will help you take a stride in this challenging area?

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