

What The Navigators Stand For

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I. Committed - ***“To Know Christ and to Make Him Known”***

- A. To our stated objectives.
 - 1. Ten-year objective.
 - 2. Demonstrate producing reproducers.
- B. Heartbreak involved.
 - 1. Will be slow.
- C. Intensive ministry rather than extensive.
- D. Goals.
 - 1. College students.
 - 2. Business people.
 - 3. Servicemen.

II. Method of Operation.

- A. Language.
- B. Personal ministry.
- C. Make disciples.
- D. Timothy.
- E. Train leadership.

III. The Word.

- A. Stand for the authority of Scriptures.
 - 1. Its sufficiency.
 - 2. Practical approach to the Word of God as opposed to the theological.
 - a. Being able to apply the Bible to everyday life – one of our great contributions.
 - b. People are far more concerned about what people believe than what they do.

3. Its infallibility - faith in practice.
 4. All Scripture can be relied upon if it has been impressed upon us by the Holy Spirit; it may not all have been written to us but has been all written for us.
- B. Difference between biblical and Bible-centered.
1. Can be biblical and cold.
 2. Can be biblical and have no life to it.
 3. Danger of taking Nav principles and building up something outside of the Bible.
 4. Must get into the Word itself, out from which we get our principles.
 5. Must sit down with the Word in counsel.
 6. Word guides subjectively, as well as objectively.
 7. Authority of Scriptures is not a matter for argument but rather of faith.

C. Scripture memory.

1. Not particularly popular.
2. Some claim you can't take texts and memorize (example of Lord Jesus quoting Deuteronomy) Look at Hebrews.

D. Romans 12 (Philips translation).

Romans 12:1

Dr. Jeppson stated he would not compliment anyone because the heart of man is so prone to pride. We need this constant guard against pride. As we get older this business of security becomes more important. We ought to provide for our household. That's correct. However, don't let the world around you squeeze you into its mold. No person's life is changed until their thinking is changed.

Romans 12:2, 3

We talked about this last year. We have only one little part of the picture in the Nabs. God has given us that. We have nothing to brag about. We should have a sane estimate of what God has given us and move out and use them for the greatest glory of Christ. God is going to allow us to make a contribution to this generation. He will answer prayer.

Romans 12:4, 5

We believe the church is the one body through which God is going to work. Therefore, we expect that every staff member will be identified with a local church of their own choice. Concerning the ecumenical movement today, I am

not giving you any mature judgment, but I am not particularly excited about all this organizational unity. I am afraid of what it might do to the authority of the Bible and it will squeeze out groups like us. We have a job to do. We need to seek the friendship of the church at home and abroad. Seek their confidence and friendship. They will be the people through whom we will be working ten years from now. We are not trying to fight this thing, but get a job done.

It is interesting the almost complete change in our overseas ministry. We are invited by the national churches to enter countries. We are getting the front-door approach.

We have different gifts through the grace of God. There is room in the Navs for the development of varying gifts. We need the varying gifts to accomplish the objective. We like to see people develop to the fullest capacity in these gifts.

Romans 12:6-8

We believe God gives people responsibility and authority. God's plan of leadership is not by committee. It is by the man God has chosen. We don't vote. Some person has the final responsibility of determining whether God has been leading in this. It is not a matter of voting. It is the spirit of God.

Exodus 18 is a pattern for administrative setup. The first job for Moses was prayer. It is not the mail, nor the first person you see. It is prayer. Then the Word. And then men. Our philosophy is to put a man in charge of a job and to leave it with him. But we must move toward the same objective. There are some changes in overall policy and personnel, but people in the Navs are not over-supervised.

Romans 12:9, 10

We frown on the familiarity that goes on in the world. One thing can lead to another. A critical spirit is evil. Are we willing to let others take credit? More than ever before this will have to be the approach to missions, or it will no longer be missions.

Romans 12:11

There are proper standards, but the thing is they usually go down instead of up. Don't standards always produce tensions if not reached? If we are not filled with guilt and tension, this is not even Scriptural. The important thing is that our standards be based on the Bible. Instead of confessing our shortcomings, we prefer to criticize the standards. When we are trying to be something we are not, we criticize the standards. Just relax. So you aren't what you are cracked up to be. So what! Who of us is near happy or satisfied with his or her progress? We can let the walls down and say I know I need help on this. Let people see us. Increasingly, we see the need for taking time to allow the great themes of Scripture become more and more the basis of your life and permeate your life.

Romans 12:12, 13

Romans 12:14-16

One of the greatest disturbers of harmony is pride. When you are personally involved and wronged by someone, go make it right. If you wrong someone, go to them. In every instance the responsibility lies on our shoulders. When someone comes to me about you, I should not condemn on this basis, but must hear it in front of the testimony of two or three witnesses. We have to have openness with one another. What we term short accounts. You will have to work at being honest and sincere and keeping short accounts.

Romans 12:17, 18

Our job is not to fight Communism. Nor the Roman Catholic Church. It is to win them. John 8:32, the truth shall make us free. I think we ought to be concerned about this and know about it but we fight with our weapons. Prayer and the Word of God.

Romans 13:11-14

