

Testimony

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I. Introduction.

II. The speaker's testimony.

A. A "tale on a kite" when he took over for the founder of the Navigators Dawson Trotman.

B. Sanny became a Christian after moving to California from Iowa, but he had no one to lead him in what it meant to be a Christian.

C. He met a young Christian who had a means of organizing the Christian life, and in his pursuit to obtain the same he was led to Dawson Trotman.

D. Asked to lead a conference and at the conference was helped by Trotman and began spending personal time with him in the Word and prayer—this sealed the deal for his involvement.

E. Sanny was invited to live with Trotman and do ministry with him.

F. Under Trotman's leadership Sanny was impressed with Trotman's tough resolve and his conviction concerning God's promises given to him.

1. God's method has always been the same: God's work, through God's Spirit, through the mouths of men. (Isaiah 51)

2. Out of the promises given to Trotman and others was born an aim consisting of the Great Commission, laborers, reproduction of laborers and an emphasis upon every nation.

III. Our ministry. (Matthew 9)

A. Jesus' great concern is that people are harassed and helpless.

B. Love is to freely accept another and seek that person's good.

C. A laborer is one who helps fulfill the Great Commission. (Matthew 15:18)

D. Irreducible minimums of the ministry.

1. Scripture memory.

2. Praying "on the hoof."

3. One on one ministry.

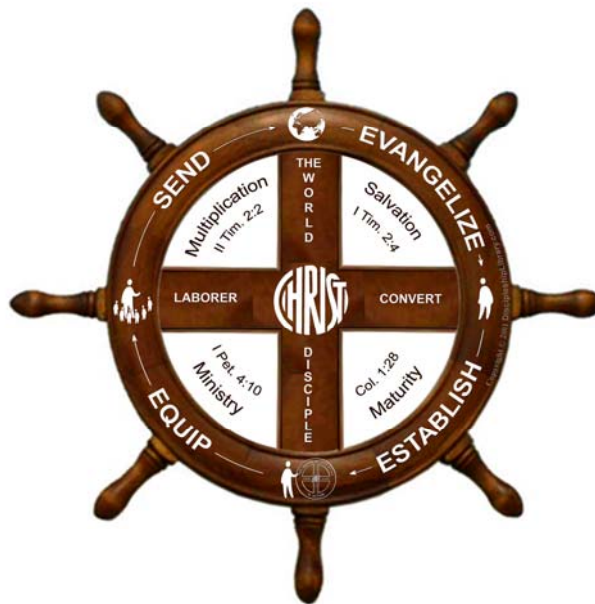
E. Laborers are few because few have a heart for the battle.

1. Gideon's three hundred exemplify this. (Judges)

2. Jesus was not looking for multitudes but for a kind of person.

3. Laborers are channels to be used.

F. If you want ministries to grow they must divide and reproduce.



Application questions

1. What about the speaker's testimony parallels characteristics about the Navigator movement?

2. What are three basics to the ministry?

3. What is the importance of having heart for "the battle" in the ministry? How can you or do you cultivate "heart" for "the battle" in your daily life?
