

**Man to Man
John H. Wilson**

**Principle of Spiritual Multiplication
Mat 28:19, 20 – Great Commission**

Spiritual Addition <i>If you reach 100 People for Christ Each Day</i>	Years	Spiritual Multiplication <i>If you Win, Build & Send One Person Every 6 Months</i>
36,500	1	4
73,000	2	16
109,500	3	64
146,000	4	256
182,500	5	1,024 (thousand)
219,000	6	4,096
255,500	7	16,384
292,000	8	65,536
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365,000	10	1,048,576 (million)
401,500	11	4,194,304
438,000	12	16,777,216
474,500	13	67,108,864
511,000	14	268,435,456
547,500	15	1,073,741,824 (billion)
584,000	16	4,294,967,296
602,250	16.5	8,589,934,592
This Strategy will require 164,000 years to reach the 6 billion people alive today!	<i>Which Strategy are You using?</i>	This Strategy will reach the entire world in 16.5 years!

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“ONE PERSON”

Taken from a newsletter written by Terry Taylor (U.S. Director for The Navigators) in September 1988

“In my prayer journal recently, I jotted down the reminder...”In all the work I do in promoting the Kingdom of God, I must remember to focus on reaching individuals.” Sometimes I find myself so busy in the work of the Kingdom that I lose sight of the value of one individual. Dawson Trotman, Founder of The Navigators, used to ask the question, “Where is your man or woman?” He felt every Christian should be making an impact in the life of another. This theme is carried forward in the Navigator ministry today. The Apostle Paul said of Timothy, “I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare” (Philippians 2:20, NIV). Years ago, a man in Orlando, Florida sought out a young optometrist who had just become a Christian. Like Timothy, he took a genuine interest in his welfare. The older man helped him grow in intimacy with the Lord and taught him to reach others for Christ. A genuine heart bond developed, and today the young optometrist is ministering to others because someone took the time to focus on one individual. How do I know about this example? I was the young optometrist whom Bob Potter helped! What I learned from him has been passed on to others. Today, by the grace of God, I am still helping other individuals to walk with the Lord. As the Navigators launch another ministry year, the question, “Where’s your man? Where’s your woman?” is appropriate. Let me challenge you to catch the heart of Timothy and begin to minister to someone who isn’t as far along in the faith as you are. Where to begin? By prayer. Start to pray daily for one person. Who will it be?”

“How's it going? I haven't talked to you in awhile but I wanted to thank you for all your work with me. You were in my talks several times in Kenya and I know that you encouraged me to be the man of God that I am now and I probably never would have done missions if you had not helped me grow.” - email sent from L. D.

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