

Pace Setting

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I. Introduction.

- A. Pace setting is taking responsibility.
- B. A pace setter helps someone keep the right pace to finish the race.
- C. A pacesetter establishes the pattern and is a way shower like Jesus. (Matthew 4:19, John 14:6)
- D. Everything we do we are to do for the glory of God - our very best.

II. How to become a pacesetter.

- A. We must first realize that we cannot without Christ.
- B. We then must follow Christ.
- C. Set a pattern of Christ for men to follow. (1 Timothy 1:15-16, 1 Corinthians 11:1, Philippians 3:17)
- D. We are all pace setters whether our pattern is negative or positive. (Titus 6:7-8)
- E. We have to work on our hearts for the sake of others. (1 Thessalonians 5:8)
- F. We are to follow the pattern of others following Christ - thinking upon what is good and pleasing to God. (Philippians 4:8, Ephesians, Romans 16:19, 1 Corinthians 14:16)
- G. To recruit disciples we must come to the place where we take responsibility for the salvation of others. (2 Corinthians 5, 1 Peter 1:10-11)

III. Problems involved in pace setting.

- A. That the leaders would lay the burden on followers. (Luke 11:46)
- B. That pace setters would look to man instead of God.
- C. That pace setters would make followers simply into Navigators or some other pattern.
- D. That pace setters would make excuses about not being a model or having had one. (Hebrews 5:1-2)

IV. In what parts we are to set the pace.

- A. We are to set the pace in everything.
- B. Set an example particularly in the Word. (John 8:31-32)

C. Set an example in relationships with others. (Philippians 2:20-21, Philippians 2:4)

D. Do not be afraid of being used. (John 13:14)

Application questions

1. Why be a pacesetter?

2. How can the problems of pace setting be avoided?

3. Memorize Philippians 2:20-21 and write it below. How does this verse point to pace setting?
