

Training Spiritually Qualified Men – Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. God has called the Navigators to a particular specialty.
- B. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
 - 1. People are open today to the gospel.
 - 2. However it is hard to find a few laborers among many church members.
- C. The problem is how to get Christians to work - spiritually qualified laymen is *the* need.

II. To get spiritually qualified laymen, our thinking needs to be changed.

- A. You influence a man's thoughts, you influence his actions.
- B. We need to take some time for clarification with God to get a clear vision of our objective.
- C. We all need a reaffirmation from God deep down for new perspective.

III. Three ways our thinking needs to be changed.

- A. We need to think in terms of people if we are going to end up with spiritually qualified laymen - not programs or property.
 - 1. We instinctively think of programs and property.
 - 2. The consequence of this is that people become cogs in machinery.
 - 3. God thinks in terms of people - so should we. (Acts 13:22)
 - 4. Unless the plan is from God, it will be rooted out. God is looking for people to carry out His plans.
 - 5. God uses people. (John 1)
- B. We need to think in terms of individual people and not just the masses.
- C. We need to think in terms of spiritual growth and not just numerical increase.
 - 1. There is a difference between growth and increase.

2. We seek growth not addition in numbers merely.
3. The purpose of the church is to fashion people like Jesus Christ.
4. The only way to get people to work for Christ is through prayer and deepening the spiritual lives of believers.

Application questions

1. Why is a change in thinking so important for the formation of laborers?

2. Which ideas concerning developing laborers stands out to you? Why?

3. How can you better change the focus from numerical growth to spiritual growth in your ministry?
