

Training Spiritually Qualified Men - Part 3

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I. Introduction.

- A. It is impossible to form a tight band without knowing them individually.
- B. This requires personal time.
- C. The founder of the Navigators spent effective personal time with the speaker and helped him with some problems that he had.

II. The content of training.

- A. The center of the Christian life is Christ.
- B. There are several spokes that illustrate the Christ-centered, Sprit-filled life.
 - 1. The Word.
 - 2. Prayer.
 - 3. Obedience. (John 14-15)
 - 4. Witnessing.
- C. The Christ centered life is one of action.

III. Getting a person started in the training.

- A. Tell him why. Deep down we want to be tied down to eternity and telling why does this.
- B. Show him how.
 - 1. There is a big difference between telling how and showing how.
 - 2. For example, people saw a compelling difference in the lives of the disciples. (Acts 4:13)
 - 3. To show people what it means to have a quiet time with Christ, you must spend time with Him first
 - 4. Then show the person how. (Daniel 6:10-11)
 - a. Daniel had a predetermined place for prayer.
 - b. Daniel had a set time for prayer.
 - 5. You must also tell a person how.

- a. Set a time.
- b. Know what to pray.
- c. Predetermine where to start in the Word.

6. The process may be uncomfortable at first, but you will eventually get used to it.

C. Get him started.

- 1. The best way to get someone started with a quiet time is to have one with him.
- 2. We have to be willing to pay the price with a person in order to see fruit in their lives.

D. Keep him going.

- 1. We do not need a program.
- 2. We are to invest in people as we go.

E. Get him to reproduce.

IV. Discussion.

A. The memory system is for high school students but could be adapted for a middle school student.

B. The Navigators started when its founder Dawson Trotman went to a church function and began memorizing Scripture that led him to a personal relationship with Christ. Trotman got involved in Christian leadership and eventually showed a young sailor how to lead someone to Christ and how to walk with Him.. He then had that sailor train others to walk with the Lord and evangelize as well. The Navigators grew as it began working with the military and expanded to the collegiate level. The Navigators got involved with follow up in the Billy Graham association which led to acquisition of their headquarters.

C. Most Navigator staff come from those who have been trained by Navigator laborers.

D. The Navigators begin on a campus through an inside man.

E. Pastors can get young people involved in the Navigators by getting them involved in a conference.

F. Conferences are specialty functions with two messages a day and small discussion groups.

G. The Navigators cooperate on campuses with more than one Evangelical ministry, but they are distinct because they have distinct objectives.

H. The Navigators will send out contacts for those in the Navy.

I. The Navigators encourage their members to be active in the local church.

J. There is no membership to the Navigators, so anyone can call himself one. This raises problems, but it is not an issue to worry about.

Application questions

1. What elements are important in showing a new Christian how to have a quiet time?

2. How is the spirit filled life characterized?

3. Are you prepared to lead someone to Christ and walk with that person? What things stand out about the message that might prepare you for this?
