

**A Vision for Disciplemaking**  
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**Developing a Heart for Mission**  
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# **Missionary Heroes**

*Exploits based on the Promises of God*

***Introduction:*** *Mission is not a business - it is warfare (Ephesians 6:12, Luke 10:2,3)*

***There are three great missionary advances in modern missions:***

## **I. First Advance - *William Carey* - *Denominational Pattern***

- A. Promises - Isaiah 54:1 - 3
- B. "Use means" - set up a missionary agency - Matthew 18:18 - 20
- C. Financial Philosophy - Ropeholder Concept
- D. Primary Pattern - Establish a church
- E. Other patterns to follow
  - 1) Translate Scriptures - some 40 languages
  - 2) Baptize believers - Dec. 31, 1799 - three initial "Hindoo" converts
  - 3) Team of leaders - "Serampore Trio"
  - 4) Education - Especially for women
  - 5) Medical Work
  - 6) Influence Social Practices - eliminate burning widows alive and infanticide of female babies
  - 7) Train Workers

## **II. Second Advance - *Hudson Taylor* - *People Group Pattern***

- A. Promises: Proverbs 24:11,12 - I am responsible - I am a debtor - Romans 1:16  
I Chronicles 28:20, 21 - recruit willing skillful laborers
- B. "Inland Mission" - Reach un-evangelized peoples
- C. Financial Philosophy - Faith Principle: "God's work done God's way will never lack God's supplies"
- D. Pattern - a nationalized church ("indigenous") E. Other patterns to follow:

- 1) Adapt to local culture unless contrary to Bible (e.g., pigtail)
- 2) Proclaim gospel outdoors - Taylor's 12 missionary journeys into inland China
- 3) Training of Chinese evangelists
- 4) Cooperation with all other missionary societies - Call for 1000 new missionaries in 1894 - 1895
- 5) Single lady missionaries are less threat to enter heathen homes

### **III. Third Advance - *Dawson Trotman - Lay Movement Pattern***

- A. Promises: Isaiah 58:12, Isaiah 43:21
- B. Born to Reproduce - John 15:16, II Timothy 2:2
- C. Financial Policy - We share together - I Corinthians 3:9 - Our donors are co-laborers with us - I Samuel 30:24 (The Navigators and other groups)
- D. Pattern – Para-church movement 1) Discipleship that reproduces 2) Public evangelism for decision
- E. Other patterns to follow
  - 1) Marketplace evangelism - Acts:17:17
  - 2) Salt and Light - Matthew 5:13-16
  - 3) Timothy principle - II Timothy 2:2
  - 4) "With Him" principle - Mark 3:14

### **IV. Challenge for 2003 A.D.**

- A. Follow in the footsteps of all three movements.
- B. New type of opportunity - Serve the nationalized church that was established by missionaries like Carey and Taylor: E.g. China, India, etc.
- C. Always room for servants - worldwide
  - 1) Serve
  - 2) Blend
  - 3) Multiply

# Three Great Missionary Advances

## *Paper A*

**A. Introduction** - Illustration from the life of Daws "Get on your heart what's on God's heart: the World"

**B. The Gospel Promise to Abraham** - Genesis 12:1-3

**C. Old Testament History** - God used the Jewish missionary to influence the rulers of world powers (a few examples)

1. Abraham - King of Sodom and kings of the nations of the world - Genesis 14:22,23
2. Joseph - Pharaoh - Genesis 41:38,39
3. Moses - Egyptians - Exodus 7:5
4. Hannah, mother of Samuel - I Samuel 2:8,9
5. David - Philistines - I Samuel 12:45-47
6. Isaiah - Sennacherib, king of Assyria - Isaiah 37:22-23
7. Jonah - Ninevah - Jonah 3:5
8. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego - Nebuchadnezzar - Daniel 3:28,29
9. Daniel - Darius of Medes - Daniel 6:26,27
10. Jeremiah - Cyrus - Persia - II Chronicles 36:22,23

**D. The Great Commission** - God sends forth missionaries to the ends of the world

1. Building the church in every nation - Matthew 28:18-20
2. Preaching the Gospel to every creature - Mark 16:15
3. Witnessing in every place - Acts 1:8
4. Making disciples who multiply - John 15:16, John 20:21

# The Power of Prayer in Launching Missions

## *Paper B*

Nearly all great missionary movements grow out of the prayer sessions of committed believers who dare to lay hold on the promises of God.

**William Carey** argued from the promise of Isaiah 54:1-3 that we should use means to reach the barren, desolate *Hindoos* for Christ. With a small group of committed prayer warriors he founded a missionary agency that agreed to hold the ropes while he tackled this gigantic task.

**Hudson Taylor** prayed for 24 willing skillful workers who would carry the Gospel to the twelve unevangelized provinces of inland China (I Chronicles 28:20,21).

**Dawson Trotman** laid the foundation of The Navigators through 40 consecutive mornings of prayer with a friend as they claimed the promise of Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."

Later Dawson led a prayer group of contemporary Christian leaders in his area. They met every Tuesday morning at 5:00 AM in the building next to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles (BIOLA). On the roof was a small building that housed the power shaft for running the elevator. Daws nicknamed it the Powerhouse, alluding to the power of prayer. Dick Hillis, David Morken, Hubert Mitchell and Bob Pierce, who became leaders of missionary organizations, met with Daws at this early morning prayer hour.

These men, including Daws, linked with a public evangelism movement initially under the banner of Youth for Christ to spearhead a great advance with the gospel to the major cities of Asia. I have called them the Powerhouse Five and am writing a missions book about their exploits.

You also can join together in prayer with a few believers of like mind and heart to lay hold on the promises of God. Ask the Lord to lead you forth by faith to reach and possess some great mountain for the glory of God.

# **Patterns of the Three Great Missionary Movements**

## *Paper C*

### **A. William Carey** model-Denominational pattern

1. Plant a church
2. Translate Scriptures
3. Holistic approach
  - a. combat evils of a godless society infanticide-girl babies drowned suttee-widow burning alive on husband's pyre
  - b. education-women
  - c. medicine

### **B. Hudson Taylor** model-People group pattern

1. Plant an ethnic church
2. Adapt to language and culture
3. Train local leaders

### **C. Dawson Trotman** model-Producing reproducers pattern

1. Make mature disciples immersed in Word and prayer
2. Penetrate the world salt of the earth-"live the life" among the lost
3. Engage in personal evangelism light of the world - speak up to win souls

## **Steps to Developing a Greater Heart for Mission**

### ***Paper D***

A. Referring to the 3 basic patterns of mission: In which are you most interested and involved? How are you involved? Is this involvement incidental or God's call?

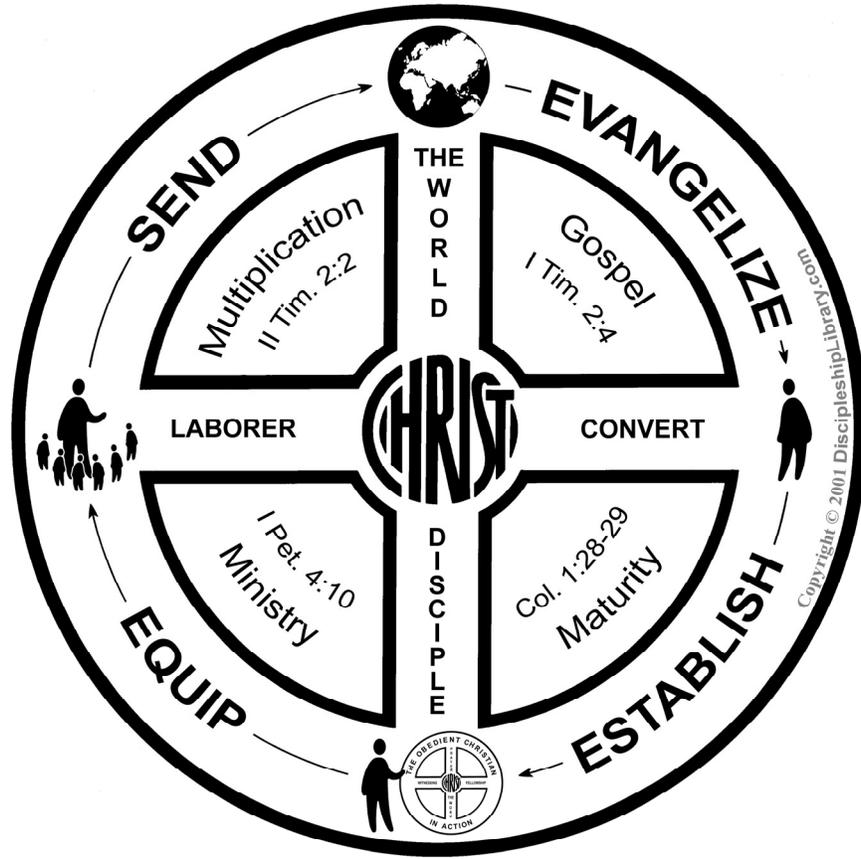
B. Concerning God's program of sending out missionaries into all the world, does God want me more involved? Am I committed to God's program of getting the gospel into all the world? Is there a problem that keeps me from being more committed to God's worldwide program? Is it girls, gold, glory or personal goals?

C. What steps can I take to fulfill God's purpose in my life regarding missionary endeavors? How does this relate to prayer, gifts, sending my sister, short term trips, lifetime commitment?

***To what degree am I involved now in:***

1. Walking with God now.
2. Separating from sin/hindrances
3. Leading souls to Christ and discipling people.
4. Being willing and able to follow God's leading that would change my location.

**A Heart for the World**  
*Paper E*



**Fundamentals of Disciplemaking Ministry**

What	Focus - <i>God wants:</i>	Result
<b>Evangelizing</b>	Everyone Saved / <b>Gospel</b> - I Timothy 2:4	Converts
<b>Establishing</b>	Everyone Mature ( <b>Maturity</b> ) / Growth - Colossians 1:28	Disciples
<b>Equipping</b>	Everyone Prepared / <b>Ministry</b> - I Peter 4:10	Laborers
<b>Sending</b>	Everyone Reproducing / <b>Multiplication</b> - II Timothy 2:2	Help Fulfill the Great Commission

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