

Dawson Trotman

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I. Introduction.

A. Topic: Remembering Dawson Trotman.

B. Text: Hebrews 13:7.

II. Remember your leaders.

A. We are especially to remember those who have gone on before.

B. The speaker met Trotman when he was shown a Christian life organizational chart that inspired him to get started with his own life.

C. He got involved with Scripture memory and Trotman's Bible study program.

D. Trotman taught him to get into the Bible and how to have a quiet time.

E. Eventually, the speaker joined Trotman in the ministry.

F. What impressed the speaker most about Trotman was how he spent time with God.

G. Trotman staged a photo that was to be taken for a magazine that had a Scripture about triumph in it, a sailor, and a Bible in it—key things that represented his ministry.

III. Trotman's life.

A. He was converted through memorizing Scripture.

B. He began memorizing Scripture throughout the rest of his life.

1. There has been little else that has paid dividends like Scripture memory for the speaker.

2. The word of men is helpful, but the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit.

3. God always uses the Word of God through the Spirit of God. (Isaiah 59:21)

C. Trotman's passion was more to equip believers with the Word than to preach it. (Song of Solomon 3:8)

D. Trotman died like he lived—always holding someone up. (John 12:24, Isaiah 60:11)

E. If few end well, it is because few lived well.

F. Trotman was a man of faith to be imitated.

1. Faith is relying upon God to do what He says. (Hebrews 11:29)
2. We learn to trust God's general promises to all first and then His specific promises for the ministry.
3. God may give you different promises, but rely upon them.

IV. Conclusion: remember Dawson Trotman, but rely on Jesus Christ.

Application questions

1. How was Trotman won to Christ and how did that event reflect his future ministry?

2. How did Trotman die and how did that characterize who he was? How is it that those who end well have lived well?

3. What stood out to you about the life of Dawson Trotman? What primary areas are you challenged to address in your own life in light of his example? Explain.
