

Pacesetting - Question & Answer

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I. Introduction.

- A. A pacesetter is someone who sets the pace for the rest.
- B. The purpose is to build not to break.
- C. A pacesetter is a way-shower, a stimulator and an exhorter. (1 Corinthians 9:27, 1 Corinthians 9:34)
- D. The pacesetter maintains control of the body. (1 Corinthians 6:20)
- E. Jesus was the first pacesetter.

II. How to be a pacesetter.

- A. Realize that you cannot without God.
- B. Be willing to follow men to follow God.
- C. Set a pattern. (1 Timothy 1:15-16, 1 Corinthians 11:1, Philippians 3:17)
- D. We are to submit to authority.
- E. 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)

III. Problems involved in pace setting.

- A. That the leaders would lay the burden on followers. (Luke 11:46)
- B. That pacesetters would look to man instead of God.
- C. That pacesetters would make followers simply into Navigators or some other pattern.
- D. That pacesetters would make people follow them instead of God.
- E. That pacesetters do not set the way because they feel like they were not told. (Hebrews 5:1-2)

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

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

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

V. Keep your growth in balance: mentally, physically, spiritually, socially. (Luke 2:52)

A. Do not burn out or be too lazy.

B. We should not be afraid to address any area of sin in love.

C. Peace of God comes through prayer and commitment to God. (Philippians 4:5)

Application questions

1. Why be a pacesetter?

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

3. Memorize Luke 2:52 and write it below. How does this verse give balance to setting an example for others?
