

# Questions and Answers

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## I. Question/Answer.

A. Where do you draw the line when helping people - when should they help themselves?

1. The goal is always to equip people to go to the Lord themselves.
2. However, Christian fellowship is essential - people need to know that they have our support.
3. We need not only to tell them what to do, but how to do it.

B. What should we keep in mind when trying to solicit paternalism and when trying to teach servant hood?

1. We do not solicit paternalism when we serve people, but we do when we carry piles that they cannot carry themselves.
2. You need to try to help them to a point, but release them.
3. It is a circumstantial matter - there are times when we need to move in and there are times that we need to stay back.
4. We are not happy with our product often because we develop paternalism - we need to start asking why people are dropping out of certain movements.
5. The umbilical chord must be cut.

C. How do we pass on the decision making process?

1. We can portray biblical values, but ultimately the disciple must decide.

D. Is it right to allow people to become so dependent upon the disciple maker?

1. There are two risks - either you make them too independent or too dependent.
2. However, the greatest danger is overdependence.

E. Are the tendency of these summer programs to develop this paternalism?

1. Maybe, one ought to move on from that level to develop a more creative independent thinker.
2. A guy may never be able to do his own thing if you strap him to a program.
3. You can only take someone so far in a program with a level of conformity.

4. The goal is to produce creative, independent thinkers.

F. How do we produce effective disciples?

1. We are not producing the caliber of leadership that we need in Evangelicalism.

2. The world is eager to hear our mission.

G. What happens to all of those who did not become leaders?

1. It is easy to figure out what happened to the successful cases, but the unsuccessful cases always pose a problem.

H. An effective method of evaluation is to listen to the drop-outs - it will change your philosophy of ministry.

1. We must differentiate between fact and feeling in listening to feedback.

II. Expression phase - Communication and Control.

A. Accept what has been said.

1. Essential not optional as a means to growth.

2. Acceptance without judgment leads to security.

a. Jesus' ministry was not a ministry of condemnation.

3. Judgment without acceptance leads to insecurity.

4. Two forms: negative and positive.

a. We like the positive and recoil from the negative.

b. The average guy is so threatened that the moment he is attacked he is compelled to defend himself. The most secure individual does not need to defend himself.