

Past, Present, and Future

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I. Past goals of the speaker.

A. Today's Navigators are better trained on how to do the ministry, yet the Lord takes a little and multiplies it far beyond expectations as He did with the speaker in his small ministry.

B. The founder of the Navigators died helping to save someone from drowning—the speaker was launched into his place after this.

C. The speaker feeling barren in his ministry felt God speak to him through the Word about celebrating and enlarging his ministry by faith. God has clearly lead him throughout the years.

II. Present goals.

A. He presently plans to continue working with the Navigators wanting to be last seen “going up” without retirement.

1. He wants each Navigator to develop what is on his own heart for an area.

2. Every Navigator is a sinner and needs fellowship based on the atonement of Christ.

B. Everyone brings a different gift to the Navigators and there is more room for creativity in the ministry.

C. There are two basic foundations in the ministry—the Person of Jesus Christ and the Word of God—and there is room outside of these for discussion but these are pillars.

III. Be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus - 2 Timothy 2:1-7.

A. Paul says this because he was in prison and soon to die. Hope is on earth, but heaven is not. (1 Corinthians 15:19)

B. Paul also says this because he was alone. Even a friend from this world can come so close, but there is a friend that comes closer than a brother—Jesus. (John 1:16)

C. The Christian life is all by grace through faith. Grace is God doing something for us and we have to let God do something for us before we can do something for Him.

IV. Commit to faithful men.

A. This is the heart of the ministry—reproduction.

B. This is third generation multiplication and is the life of the ministry.

C. Many ministry leaders have to start all over because they fail to produce leaders.

D. The aim of the Navigators is to multiply laborers who disciple in every nation of the world.

V. What a “Timothy” ought to be like.

A. A soldier.

1. This is one who endures hardship.
2. *Success is seldom final, and failure is never fatal. It is courage that counts.* (Winston Churchill)
3. Courage is the mental willingness to endure—to hang in there.
4. Only do that which is of primary importance.
5. Great men used by God are irritatingly single-minded.

B. An athlete.

1. We are to compete according to the rules. God’s method has always been the same:
2. The Word of God through the Spirit of God through the mouth of people that it would be by the power of God and not by the wisdom of men. (Isaiah 59:21)
3. The commendation of self to the consciences of men. (2 Corinthians 4:2)

C. A farmer.

1. The most common business principle in the book of Proverbs is hard work.
2. Yet the Christian must have rest at least once a week.

VI. By the grace of God we are what we are. (1 Corinthians 15)

Application questions

1. What does it mean to be strong in the grace of Jesus Christ?

2. Why is committing to faithful men instrumental in discipleship?

3. Which illustration of a “Timothy” stands out to you? What concrete thing can you do this week to live your life in this manner?
