

# Strengthen thy Stakes

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Circumstances do not make you - they display you.
- B. A leader is a man who gives attention to detail.
- C. In God's work you sometimes have to go against the advice of your closest friends.
- D. Theme: Isaiah 54:2-3.
  - 1. This was the life verse of William Carey who was the father of modern missions.
  - 2. One of his mottos: "expect great things from God and attempt great things for God."

## II. Stretch forth your curtains of habitation.

- A. Thousands have come to know Christ through the Navigators.
- B. If God wants a work done, He will accomplish it.
- C. The work is growing. God has prospered His work.
- D. Openings for Christian work start on your own street.

## III. It is time to strengthen the stakes.

- A. Better is needed, not bigger.
- B. Current ministry emphasizes.
  - 1. The focus is not about teaching doctrine but getting a whole sweep of Scripture. The Navigators are putting out new material for reading and studying Scripture.
  - 2. The Navigators are putting a new emphasis on witnessing. (Isaiah 41)
- C. It takes time to mature in a young organization. We have to allow the Lord to direct us so that we will mature and broadened.
- D. Men are greatly needed, but these men need training.

E. We need to take care that we maintain the vision. However, the vision is flexible and it is something comprehended by other means than ordinary sight.

F. The heart and core of the Navigators should be a mobile strike-force.

1. One has to be careful doing organization from the top down.

2. What seems the fastest way is not the best way to do God's work - we have to get a divine perspective.

### **Application questions**

1. What is the danger of having organization and leadership from a top-down approach?

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2. What does it mean to stretch out one's "curtains?"

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3. What are you doing to start the Christian work on your own street? What can you do?

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