

# **Pacesetting**

*Lorne Sanny*

## I. Pacesetting.

A. Blessed is the man who meditates on the Word of the Lord. (Psalm 1) There is a particular man that is blessed like this - one in a thousand. There is one man in a thousand that really lives the yielded life. To be a man like this you have to be a positive pacesetter.

## II. Everyone is a pacesetter to someone regardless. People are imitators.

A. People are reading us all of the time - we influence somebody.

B. We need to press on to be positive pacesetters because of this.

C. In all things we are to sow a pattern of good works.

D. Everything we do is to be for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:32-33)

1. We bring glory to our Father in how we conduct ourselves.

2. The purpose of our conduct is to bring proper attention to the Father.

E. A pacesetter is a pattern not a competitor.

1. He is a way shower. (1 Corinthians 4:15-17)

2. We are to be followers of a person as that person is of the Lord.

3. The matter of man-to-man is not a matter of vertical hierarchy but horizontal assistance.

4. There is no hard cut out principles for pacesetting - the pacesetter is simply a way shower.

5. There are people who overemphasize system. But a pacesetter is one who comes along another in life and shows them how to do things.

a. This means the pacesetter must be one step ahead.

b. He leads, he does not lord.

F. A pacesetter is a stimulator.

1. Most of us need somebody to make us do our best.

2. The pacesetter pushes someone to something new and challenging.

3. Pacesetting expects greater things of the people with whom one works to build and not break them. There is an attitude of expectancy. (Mark 6:30)

G. A pacesetter is a thirst-arouser.

1. We are to make people thirsty for the real thing. We are to live in a way that people will want what we have so people will ask to know what we have.

H. A pacesetter is a confidence builder.

1. Jesus was tempted in all ways like us. He went on ahead to set the pace for us.

### III. How to become a pacesetter.

A. Realize you must be a pacesetter.

B. Realize that you cannot be a pacesetter.

1. We just do not have what it takes.

2. Therefore we pray as an act of desperation.

3. We must face the fact that we are helpless.

4. We will be pressured by forms, justify ourselves, or criticize others if we do not admit helplessness.

5. The great cause of an inferiority complex is pride.

C. Get your motives clear and your sites aright - the glory of God.

1. Glorifying God has to mean something personal to us.

2. It is not simply a matter that one can takes notes on.

D. Get alone and make out a priority list for your life.

### Application questions

1. What is the difference between a pacesetter and a leader who lords over someone?

---

---

2. Which aspect of pacesetting stands out to you? Explain.

---

---

3. Why is being an example unavoidable? What are you doing to be a positive example?

---

---