

# **Pacesetting**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. God is at work in the world.
- B. God is particularly at work in places where people can see the Christian life lived in vitality. We need to see a sermon lived more than to hear one.
- C. People are imitators and we are pacesetters whether we realize it or not. We set the tone for people.

## II. There is a need for a positive pattern.

- A. In all things we are to leave a pattern of good works. We need to be something that is worth copying not just listening to. (Titus 2:7)
- B. We are to be an example. (1 Timothy 4:12)
- C. We ought to be the kind of example that brings honor and glory to God. (Matthew 5:16)
  - 1. Let your light shine so that people may see our good works.
  - 2. The motive should be the glorification of God.
  - 3. By our example we reflect upon our heavenly Father.
  - 4. This includes not only our action but our reactions.

## II. The need for a positive pattern is met in a pacesetter.

- A. Pacesetting sets a pattern. It does not compete.
- B. The idea is to get out of others their maximum.
- C. Pacesetting is showing how to do something. It is leading not lording.
- D. Pacesetting is stimulating another.
  - 1. We all need someone to help us do our best.
  - 2. Without help we become content with too little.
- E. We ought to spend a day a month asking what the Lord would have us to do.

1. This re-energizes us.
2. This helps us to re-evaluate our priorities.
3. We ask the Lord what to do in reference to...
  - a. The basic things.
  - b. The family.
  - c. The ministry.

**Application questions**

1. Can we avoid setting an example?

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2. What is the motive for setting appositve example?

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3. What unique way can you be a pacesetter this week in your family your work or your ministry?

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