

Testimony and Witnessing

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I. Introduction.

II. Testimony.

A. The speaker grew up in Iowa and had little concept of a personal God growing up.

B. He moved to California as a boy because of his father's work.

C. In California he met a young girl and to win a date with her he started attending church with her. He began hearing about how he was a sinner and his need for Jesus Christ.

D. He knelt down on his knees one night to receive Jesus Christ into his life for the forgiveness of his sins.

E. Witnessing.

1. After he received Christ he tried to witness to his father with little success.

2. He began conducting vacation Bible school.

3. He began to win his father over by giving verses to his father that he agreed with.

4. It is important to be a good child to your parents to witness to them. A person has to build a good relationship before sharing the gospel sometimes.

F. The Navigators.

1. The speaker was introduced to Dawson Trotman through a student at the university who had a chart for organizing the spiritual life. Dawson was the first person that he met that expected that the Christian life should be done well.

2. The speaker was invited to run a Bible camp and asked Trotman to be a speaker. Trotman helped the speaker bring order to the camp and he began to invest in him and teach him about having a personal quiet time.

3. Trotman asked the speaker to move in with him and work with him in the ministry. This began 15 years of ministry with him until Trotman drowned saving someone else.

4. Trotman was always holding someone up.

III. What the Navigators do.

A. They are trying to build people in every nation of the world that will hold others up.

B. Jesus wants more salt and light. Paul wanted more people that would give themselves to others. (Philippians)

C. A succinct definition of a laborer is one who shares life because he loves people.

1. Love is an unselfish concern that freely accepts another and seeks his good.
2. The greatest good is to share the gospel.
3. The laborer shares his own life as well.

D. Navigators are as dedicated as they ever were but they are more skilled today.

E. We are to pray for laborers and be laborers in all the nations in the world. (Luke 24:47)

F. You start where you are at because you cannot start where you are not. You start with what you can do. You start with what you have. This is step by step.

G. When you have believing prayer, God multiplies you long after your death.

Application questions

1. What stood out to you about the speaker's testimony? Explain.

2. What is the lesson the speaker shared about witnessing?

3. What is a laborer according to the speaker? How can you contribute as a laborer this week?
