

KEEPING MISSIONS UP-TO-DATE

Intro. Conviction and change not contradictory. Don't mean basic rethinking. Nec to keep up-to-date in many areas of life--buy new home don't buy type X lived in. Clothes. Even diff bet X as founder and P as propagator. Yet not speaking of new, novel something. Basically method is still growing, witnessing Xns. Still person-to-person. Mass may create atmosphere but individual has to be reached. May need non-prof miss but he has to be trained and zealous to witness. Not rethinking but just going to check hemline.

I. Why nec to keep up-to-date?

What's diff about today from NT times?

- A. Population explosion. 9x as in X's day.
- B. More ^{Not nec countries, but radio literature, trans.} open doors than then. Unopediability of west.
- C. Nearness of X's coming. Missions not in order to hasten His coming but to redeem time.

II. What keeps missions up-to-date?

Strong emphases on 2 very imp't Biblical principles.

Sometimes good to take stock.

A. Strong emphasis on planting churches.

- 1. NT--7-1 for organized. 1 Tim 3:15 not body.
- 2. World need. US need. Navigator work in Ger.

If need to be met, what is necessary?

- a. Mobility. Keep moving. Not just adding stations or building up size of few but planting churches.

Must also include wider spectrum of people reached. Upper classes, students, city folks esp.

- b. Socialibility. Mt 11:19.

B. Strong emphasis on training Christians.

- 1. NT. Mat 28:18-20. P and Tim. Peter and Mk. Acts 19:9;18:26; 2 Th 2:4.

- 2. Involves--Literature, schools, conviction, whole counsel of God. Gospel, sanctification, ch govt, eschatology. Never satisfied with teaching same things to same group.

Conviction
Completeness

III. How shall we do this?

A. First class thinking. No action without right attitude .

Missionaries not 2nd class citizens who couldn't get jobs elsewhere.

Missions not 2nd class enterprise that gets the left overs. Y.P. need to see this and present a 1st class willingness.

B. First class acting.

Business like methods.

Attractive promotion.

Handsome bldgs.

Up-to-date equipment.

Mailing equipment. \$1000 saves 2/3 man-hrs.

C. First class giving.

If USA Xns don't support Lord's work, who will?

Must not only maintain but must also expand it. In light of what has been said,

means supporting church at home and

witnessing, and planting churches, and

supporting schools at home and learning

ourselves. Then missions will be kept up-to-date.