



MISSIONAL
BE-ATTITUDES

Spring Conference Notebook

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BE-STEADFAST

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."
1 Cor 15:58 (NIV)

Four missional challenges from Paul

1. Stand firm

STEADFAST – not given to fluctuation or moving off course

"The 'romance' of a missionary is often made up of monotony and drudgery; there often is no glamor in it; it doesn't stir a man's spirit or blood. So don't come out to be a missionary as an experiment; it is useless and dangerous. Only come if you feel you would rather die than not come. Don't come if you want to make a great name or want to live long. Come if you feel there is no greater honor, after living for Christ, than to die for Him."
C. T. Studd

"If the biographer gives me credit for being a plodder, he will describe me justly. Anything beyond this will be too much. I can plod. I can persevere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything."

William Carey

"A little thing is a little thing, but faithfulness in little things is a great thing."

J. Hudson Taylor

2. *Let nothing move you*

IMMOVABLE - not to be moved from its place, metaphorically
- firmly persistent

What is an Attitude Indicator?

(see Appendix III – Attitude Indicator –“The Day the Music Died”)

“One’s own perceptions of motion and orientation inevitably lead to disorientation and loss of control, so you don’t want to depend on them.”

Flying magazine, Classic Aftermath, 2019

“A misleading attitude indication is one of the most challenging malfunctions a flight crew can be faced with.”

Accident case study – Cargo flight to Tromso, Norway, 2016

Missional Gyroscopes

"All our difficulties are only platforms for the manifestations of His grace, power, and love."

J. Hudson Taylor

"Lord, give me firmness without hardness, steadfastness without dogmatism, love without weakness. "

Jim Elliot

3. Give yourself fully to the work of the Lord

"There are grave difficulties on every hand, and more are looming ahead. Therefore, we must go forward."

William Carey

"Wherever you are, be all there! Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God."

Jim Elliot

"Singleness, simplicity, is required of me. One treasure, a single eye, and a sole Master!"

Jim Elliot

4. ***Know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain***

"If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?"
David Livingstone

"If God calls you to be a missionary, don't stoop to be a king."
Charles Spurgeon

Steadfast Attitude Indicator

1. *What burden are you carrying as you enter JV Spring Conference?*
2. *What joy have you experienced during the last couple of weeks?*
3. *What challenge are you facing as you look ahead?*
4. *What do you need the most from this week?*



BE-SECURE

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure..."
Hebrews 6:19a

Insecurities are a form of fear. Security is a sense of confidence (thinking, feeling) that impacts behavior.

Types of Insecurities

1. Driven by failure/criticism (language, competency, performance, appearance)
2. Driven by expectations (identity, status, finances, approval, impact, spiritual, what if)
3. Driven by comparison to others (FOMO, gifting, circumstances)

What insecurities do you have that create instability in your life?

How did Jesus deal with the insecurities of people around him?

“And behold, a man came up to him, saying, ‘Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?’ And he said to him, ‘Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.’ He said to him, ‘Which ones?’ And Jesus said, ‘You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ The young man said to him, ‘All these I have kept. What do I still lack?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.’ When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.”

Matthew 19:16-22

Why does Jesus make the young man’s insecurities worse?

“And Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.’ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, ‘Who then can be saved?’ But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’ Then Peter said in reply, ‘See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.’”

Matthew 19:23-30

How does God’s grace impact your insecurities?

What promises does Jesus make to his disciples?

How does that impact your security?

"People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives... and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted."

Nate Saint, missionary martyr

"I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light."

John Keith Falconer

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

Matthew 20:1-16

How does comparison impact their joy?

How does comparison impact their relationship with other workers?

How does comparison impact their relationship with the master?

What does it look like to “win” in the kingdom?

Secure Attitude Indicator

1. *What thought from this study is most significant for you?*

2. *Are there any "secure" attitude adjustments you need to make based on what you learned?*



BE-GREEK LIKE

*"For though I am free from all, **I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.** To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.*

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified."

I Cor 9:19-27

*"**Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks** or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved."*

I Cor 10: 32-33

How can you skillfully cross cultures for the sake of the gospel?

Observations about culture

1. *You carry multiple cultures within you*

- National
- Ethnic
- Generational
- Family
- Church

2. *Culture includes...*

- Language
- Norms of behavior
- Values
- Habits
- Ways of seeing and understanding

3. *Your culture gives you...*

- Resources
- Sensitivities
- Blind spots
- Barriers

How can you be more “Greek Like” for the sake of the gospel?

1. *Know yourself*

Phil 3:4-6

I Cor 9:1-2

*I am free from all
though not being myself under the law
not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ*

2. *Be a constant student of culture*

- Observe
- Listen
- Ask for feedback
- Read
- Be curious

I have made myself a servant to all that I might win more of them.

3. Make every amoral adaptation that will remove barriers for the gospel

I Cor 9:12

*To the Jews I became as a Jew
To those under the law I became as one under the law
To those outside the law I became as one outside the law
To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak
I have become all things to all people
I do it all for the sake of the gospel*

4. Be purposefully multicultural - develop multicultural fluency

“Let us in everything not sinful become like the Chinese that by all means we may save some.”

J. Hudson Taylor

(see Appendix I – Crossing Cultural Barriers with Hudson Taylor)

“We have to assume now that all mission is cross-cultural.”

Alan Hirsch

5. ***Be focused, hardworking and disciplined in crossing cultures***

*So, run that you may obtain it
Every athlete exercises self-control in all things
I do not run aimlessly
I discipline my body
and keep it under control*

"I have but one passion: It is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ."

Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf

Greek-like Attitude Indicator

- 1. What thoughts from this study were most significant for you as you think about your own cross-cultural adaptation for the sake of the gospel?*
- 2. What questions do you have as you think about applying these principles in your environment? What challenges are you facing?*
- 3. Does anyone else in your discussion group have a suggestion about how to answer that question or overcome that challenge?*
- 4. Is there a specific "missional adjustment" you would like to make in your cross-cultural engagement based on what you learned in this study?*



BE-BRIDE LOVING

"Do we love the church? I doubt if there have been many times in our history when there has been as much anger, hostility, disappointment, and disillusionment with the institutional church as there is today. It's hard not to be critical of the church because in many ways the church has failed us. But if the church has failed, that means we have failed. We are called to serve the church in the power of God the Holy Spirit."

R.C. Sproul

"The church has more beauty—and more value—than we can see with physical eyes."

Megan Hill

"The local church is the bride of Christ and everything we do must cause her to prosper."

Josiah Venture

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."

Eph 5:25-27 (NIV)

Love's object

What is this Church, and why should we love it?

Titus 1:1-2

1 Pet. 2:4-10

Acts 20:28

Love defined Eph 5:25-27

Sacrificial Service on Purpose

Love demonstrated

How Jesus loves the church

1. *Cleansing and washing (v. 26)*

- Mr Muscle vs. Tide
- Model motivation
- Word washing - Rev 2

2. *Nourishing and cherishing. (v. 29)*

Five love languages of the Central & Eastern European Bride

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

3. *Leaving and cleaving (v. 31)*

Infatuation and handicapped brides

Love released

Recalibrating the instrument of my heart

1.

2.

3.

4.

Bride-loving Attitude Indicator

- 1. What are your local churches' primary love languages? How are you doing at speaking that language? What could you do to improve your "speaking"?*
- 2. Have you made callus, disparaging remarks about his bride? Would the bridegroom speak the same way about her? How have you been talking about your local church?*
- 3. What is the key blemish or stain on your local bride? How would Jesus address that stain? What would "washing with the word" look like in this situation?*
- 4. How would you rate your love for your local church (where 1. means "deep frustration" all the way to 10. which means "deep affection")? What do you need to repent of, and what habit do you need to employ to recalibrate or realign your heart for your local church?*



BE-CLEAR SEEING

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you."

Matt 7:1-6

What is judgment?

1. Making your subjective viewpoint into the objective measure

"the judgment you pronounce"

"the measure you use"

A judgment is a conclusion rather than an observation or a question

2. ***Filling in the gaps by your assumptions or projections***

"bring to light what is hidden in darkness"

I Cor 4:5

3. ***Exposing the motives of people's hearts***

"...will disclose the purposes of the heart."

I Cor 4:5

"For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted."

I Cor 4:4

4. Attempting to know and do what only God can know and do

"It is the Lord who judges me."

I Cor 4:4

"Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes... Then each one will receive his commendation from God."

I Cor 4:5

"There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?"

James 4:12

"Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand."

Rom 14:4 (NIV)

Why is judgment so dangerous?

1. Judgment wounds those around you

2. Judgment creates more judgement

“For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”

Matt 7:2

3. Judgment distorts your ability to see and understand

“Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye?”

Matt 7:3-4

4. **Judgment prevents you from solving problems and helping people**

“You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”

Matt 7:5

When are you commanded to Judge?

1. **When observable actions do not match the clear standards of God – I Cor 5**

*“For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already **pronounced judgment** on the one who did such a thing.”*

I Cor 5:3

*“For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom **you are to judge?** God judges those outside. ‘Purge the evil person from among you.’”*

I Cor 5:12-13

2. **When conflict between believers is unresolved and escalating – 1 Cor 6**

*“Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And **if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases?** 3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 4 So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? 5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you **wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers...?**”*

1 Cor 6:2-5

When are you encouraged to keep your mouth shut and not get involved?

“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.”

Matthew 7:6

Dogs and Pigs – people who are outside your “walls”, or outside your “camp”

(see also Psalm 59:6, Matt 7:6, Rev 22:15, Duet 14:8)

Clear-seeing Attitude Indicator

1. *What thoughts from this study were most significant for you as you think about the area of judgment in your life?*
2. *How does it affect you when you experience judgment from others?*
3. *In what settings or situations do you face the greatest temptation to judge in unbiblical ways?*
4. *Is there a specific "missional adjustment" you would like to make in the area of judgment based on what you learned in this study?*



BE-TRANSFORMED

*"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for **the revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of **the glory of the children of God**. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."*

Romans 8:18-30

"So many missionaries, intent on doing something, forget that His main work is to make something of them."

Jim Elliot

"The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose."

C. S. Lewis

"...my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!"

Gal 4:19

Key observations about transformation

1. In all things God is working for your good. (Rom 8:28)
2. That "good" is your conformity to the image of his Son. (Roman 8:29)
3. God is relentless in this task and will complete it. (Romans 8:29-30)
4. Your transformation is so significant that "all creation waits with eager longing" to see it. (Romans 8:19)
5. God uses the tools of suffering (8:18), futility (8:20) pain (8:22), groaning inwardly, (8:23), waiting (8:23), and weakness (8:26) to shape you.

How can you best cooperate with God as he works to transform you?

1. *Begin with submission and surrender*

James 4:7

Romans 12:1-2

Psalm 46:10

"The biggest hindrance to the missionary task is self. Self that refuses to die. Self that refuses to sacrifice. Self that refuses to give. Self that refuses to go."

Thomas Hale

"The real secret of an unsatisfied life lies too often in an unsundered will."

J. Hudson Taylor

"Missionary life is simply a chance to die."

Amy Carmichael

2. ***Pay attention to the particular pressure, pain, frustration, waiting and weakness you are experiencing. The shape of the pressure has a purpose.***

- What area of your character is it pushing on?
- What is being uncovering that needs to be removed?
- What is breaking that needs to be strengthen?
- What resistance is being encountering that needs to be broken?
- What is being shaped or formed?
- What is this designed to create or develop?
- How can you cooperate rather than resist?

In exploring these questions, you will need the Spirit to help you in your weakness. (Rom 8:26)

"The best training is to learn to accept everything as it comes, as from Him whom our soul loves. The tests are always unexpected things, not great things that can be written up, but the common little rubs of life, silly little nothings, things you are ashamed of minding one scrap."

Amy Carmichael

"If you have never been hurt by a word from God, it is probably that you have never heard God speak."

Amy Carmichael

3. Let the pressure push you closer to Jesus. It is as you are pressed up against him that you began to take on his likeness.

2 Cor 3:16-18

2 Cor 4:7-11

"It does not matter how great the pressure is. What really matters is where the pressure lies -- whether it comes between you and God, or whether it presses you nearer His heart."

J. Hudson Taylor

"All our difficulties are only platforms for the manifestations of His grace, power and love."

J. Hudson Taylor

"A cup brimful of sweet water cannot spill even one drop of bitter water, no matter how suddenly jarred."

Amy Carmichael

4. Never underestimate the transforming power of regular time in the Word of God and prayer

Rom 12:2

Eph 5:26

Heb 4:12

"The hardest part of a missionary career is to maintain regular, prayerful Bible study. Satan will always find you something to do, when you ought to be occupied about that - if it is only arranging a window blind!"

J. Hudson Taylor

"Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him."

J. Hudson Taylor

5. Don't be surprised at hardship and difficulty - expect it

I Pet 4:12

Heb 12:7-13

"Let us not be surprised when we have to face difficulties. When the wind blows hard on a tree, the roots stretch and grow the stronger, Let it be so with us. Let us not be weaklings, yielding to every wind that blows, but strong in spirit to resist."

Amy Carmichael

"Our enemy is more aware than we are of the spiritual possibilities that depend upon obedience."

Amy Carmichael

Final thoughts:

"For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed."

Heb 12:11-13

Transformed Attitude Indicator

1. *What thoughts from this study were most significant for you as you think about your own growth and transformation.*
2. *What is an area where you are currently experiencing suffering, futility, pain, groaning inwardly, waiting, or weakness?*
3. *What issues of character, growth, surrender, or cleansing do you think this pressure is focusing on?*
4. *If you are able to experience transformation in that area, what benefit, or "glory", will that bring to you and those around you?*



BE-SPIRIT FILLED

“The supreme want of all missions in the present day is the manifested presence of the Holy Ghost. Hundreds of thousands of tracts and portions of Scripture have been put into circulation; thousands of Gospel addresses have been given; tens of thousands of miles have been traversed in missionary journeys but how small has been the issue in the way of definite conversions!

*“Few of us, perhaps, are satisfied with the results of our work, and some may think that if we had more, or more costly machinery we should do better. But oh, I feel that it is divine power we want and not machinery! If the tens or hundreds we now reach daily are not being won to Christ, where would be the gain in machinery that would enable us to reach double the number? **Should we not do well, rather, to suspend our present operations and give ourselves to humiliation and prayer for nothing less than to be filled with the Spirit, and made channels through which He shall work with resistless power? ...***

Souls are perishing now for lack of this power. . . . God is blessing now some who are seeking this blessing from Him in faith. All things are ready, if we are ready. Let us ask Him to search us and remove all that hinders His working by us in larger measure. If any of us have been tempted to murmur, to think or speak unkindly of fellow-workers; if light conversation or jesting `which are not convenient' have been indulged, in; if we have allowed less important things to take time and attention that God's direct work should have had; if our Bibles or secret prayer have been neglected, let us confess the evil before God and claim His promised forgiveness, carefully avoiding such occasions of weakness for the future. And having sought the removal of all hindrances and yielded ourselves up in fresh consecration, let us accept by faith the filling, and definitely receive the Holy Ghost, to occupy and govern the cleansed temple.”

Taken from a letter of Hudson Taylor, written to members of the mission, March 29, 1892

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in Missions?

1. The Holy Spirit gives us supernatural power for spreading the gospel message - Acts 1:8
2. The gift of the Spirit is promised to those who will repent and believe – Acts 2:38
3. The filling of the Spirit gives boldness to believers – Acts 4:13
4. The filling of the Spirit is a key qualification for spiritual leadership – Acts 6:3, Acts 11:24
5. *The Spirit can give specific instructions that open strategic doors for the gospel – Acts 8:19*
6. *The Spirit prepares responsive people and opportunities for us to step into – Acts 10:19*
7. *The Spirit identifies and mobilizes key workers into the harvest field – Acts 13:2*
8. *The Spirit gives us insight into what is going on in the unseen world – Acts 13:9-10*
9. *The Spirit helps us know what adaptations we need to make for a new group of people – Acts 15:28*
10. *The Spirit can compel us to do things or go in directions we would normally avoid – Acts 20:22*

What stands out to you as you reflect on this list from the book of Acts?

“When we are in hand-to-hand conflict with the world, the flesh, and the devil himself, neat little Biblical confectionery is like shooting lions with a pea-shooter; God needs a man who will let go and deliver blows right and left as hard as he can hit, in the power of the Holy Ghost. Nothing but forked-lightning Christians will count.”

C. T. Studd

Observations about the filling of the Spirit

- 1. God worked powerfully through people who were filled with the Holy Spirit - Acts 4:31**

Acts 7:55, Acts 11:24, Acts 13:9, 52

- 2. Though there can be specific experiences of particular filling, the filling of the Spirit is not a one-time event. Acts 13:9,52**

- 3. We are all commanded to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Eph 5:18**

Even though he is the one that fills, we have a command to “be filled”.

4. **This command is in a continuous form - "keep on being filled" with the spirit. Eph 5:18**

5. **Where people are filled with the Holy Spirit there is music, praise, and a thankful spirit. Eph 5:19-20**

What does it mean to be "filled with the Holy Spirit?"

John 12:3

I am filled when His presence, influence and control penetrate every corner of my life.

How can I be more filled with the Holy Spirit?

1. **SURRENDER** - Ask him to show you any areas of your life not yet yielded to him. Then give these to him.

2. **SEEK** - Seek his filling in prayer and dependence. Accept his filling in faith.

John 7:37-39, Acts 1:14

"Let us constantly seek to be filled with the Spirit, to be led by the Spirit, to walk in the Spirit. We can agree that the main condition of being filled is to be hungry. The Scripture tells us that God fills the hungry with good things and send the rich away empty (Ps. 81:10)"

John Stott

Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, calls this "Spiritual Breathing", **exhaling** everything that would stand in the way of his full control, and **inhaling** his presence and power.

Spirit-filled Attitude Indicator

- 1. Think of someone you know who you would describe as "Spirit filled". What are the characteristics of their life? How does being filled with the Spirit demonstrate itself in their attitude and actions?*
- 2. Reflect back on the role of the Spirit in the missionary movement of the early believers in Acts. What inspires you or challenges you? What stands out to you as being particularly significant?*
- 3. When you experience the filling of the Spirit in your own life, what is it like? How does it impact you?*
- 4. What would you personally need to do to be more filled with the Spirit?*

APPENDIX I

Crossing Cultural Barriers with Hudson Taylor

In September, 1855, after Hudson Taylor had served as a missionary in China for only eighteen months, he made a decision that was very radical for that era. Rather than living in a missionary compound in Shanghai and wearing European clothing, he decided to live right among the Chinese and to adopt their native dress and other amoral aspects of indigenous culture. He desired to do this in order to lessen cultural barriers to the dissemination of the Christian Gospel and to show his high regard for the native culture of those he was trying to reach.

He hired a barber to shave his head. A single shock of hair on the back of his head was preserved to be grown into a queue. This remaining hair was dyed black, and was plaited to a temporary queue of proper length.

Taylor adopted the attire of a native teacher. He put on thick calico socks, and his satin shoes had flat bottoms and curled up in front, squeezing his toes uncomfortably. The trousers, which were two feet too wide around the waist, he folded in front and kept in place with a strong girdle. The billowy legs of these breeches fell to just below the knees, and he tucked them into his socks.

A white jacket with wide sleeves took the place of a shirt. Over all that went a richly colored, heavy silk gown, with broad sleeves which reached a full foot past his fingertips. At that time of the year no cap was worn, which caused Taylor's freshly bared head great discomfort in the intense sunlight.

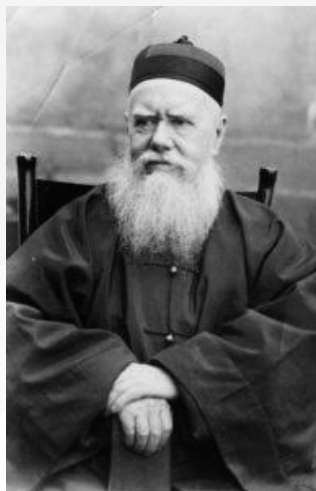
He must have caused quite a stir when he made his first appearance to some of his missionary colleagues. Dr. William Parker, a Scottish missionary physician, looked him over and remarked good-naturedly of the voluminous trousers, "You could store a fortnight's provisions in those!"

Initially Taylor was not treated as respectfully by the Chinese as he would have been had he been dressed as a foreigner. But that always changed when he offered medical treatment to the people to whom he was seeking to minister. Women and children seemed more willing to come to him for medical treatment than they had before.

Taylor also noticed that, while ministering in inland cities, he attracted far fewer troublemakers by not dressing like a foreigner. If he needed to pass through a crowd quickly without causing a stir, he was able to do so. On the whole he concluded that adopting Chinese garb would greatly promote his evangelistic endeavors to China's interior.

In Shanghai, however, he soon learned that his fellow Europeans did not approve of the step he had taken across cultural lines. Many merchants and government officials reacted to him with undisguised contempt. More difficult to bear was the obvious disapproval of his missionary associates.

But he bore that disapproval and contempt for the sake of advancing the Gospel and making his ministry more effective among the Chinese. In fact, Taylor continued to wear Chinese clothing throughout the remainder of his five-decade missionary career. After he established the China Inland Mission in 1865, all missionaries who served with the CIM adopted Chinese dress and other amoral features of native culture.



Hudson Taylor as an older man in Chinese garb

Crossing Cultural Lines to Promote the Gospel by Vance Christie



Members of the China Inland Mission in Chinese garb, Hudson Taylor is seated in middle of second row and wears a long white beard

APPENDIX II

Factors Affecting Missionary Effectiveness

This study on missionary retention was a 22-nation project where 592 agencies representing more than 38,700 missionaries participated. The 78 reporting USA agencies represent 15,087 USA missionaries.

Agencies were asked two open-ended questions about missionary effectiveness. First they were asked, "Which factors contribute most to your missionaries attaining their on field objectives?" The agencies responses were:

1. Development of good relationships/team (32 agencies)
2. Commitment to the ministry (27 agencies)
3. Effective leadership with good supervision and accountability (25 agencies)
4. Clear objectives, goals and expectations that are agreed upon (24 agencies)

Second, agencies were asked, "Which factors most hinder your missionaries attaining their on-field objectives?" They answered:

1. Finances (30 agencies)
2. Family issues (28 agencies)
3. Relationship problems (27 agencies)

Questions for further discussion:

Why are we losing people in their prime of service?

The average length of years of service for those who left in 2001-2002 was 12 years of service. That is after two terms of service, just when people are ready to enter that phase of “unique contribution” in their ministry.

Why are people leaving at that point in their missionary career?

What can agencies do to address this, to increase the longevity of service?

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APPENDIX III

Attitude Indicator –“The Day the Music Died”

3 February 1959: In the late 1950s, “rock and roll” music was becoming increasingly popular in America. Buddy Holly (Charles Hardin Holley) was among the most famous rock and roll singers.

While on a concert tour, Holly, formerly of the band The Crickets, chartered a small airplane from Dwyer Flying Service to fly himself and two other performers to Fargo, North Dakota, for the following night’s event.

After the performance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, ended, Holly, Ritchie Valens (Richard Steven Valenzuela) and “The Big Bopper,” (Jiles Perry Richardson, Jr.) were driven to the nearby Mason City Municipal Airport (MCW), arriving at 12:40 a.m., Central Standard Time (0640 UTC). They were met by their assigned pilot, Roger Arthur Peterson, and boarded the chartered airplane. They took off at 12:55 a.m. CST (0655 UTC).

The Civil Aeronautics Board (predecessor of the Federal Aviation Administration) investigated the accident. There was no indication of an engine malfunction or of structural failure of the aircraft.

Investigators concluded that as Peterson flew away from the airport he entered an area of total darkness, unable to see anything which would give him a visual cue of the airplane’s flight attitude. The unfamiliar attitude indicator may have confused him. He quickly became spatially disoriented and lost control of the Bonanza.

N3794N impacted the ground in a 90° right bank with a nose down pitch angle, on a heading of 315°. The right wing broke off and parts of the airplane were scattered as far as 540 feet (165 meters). The three passengers were thrown from the wreckage.

The airspeed indicator needle was stuck between 165 and 170 knots (190–196 miles per hour/306–315 kilometers per hour) and the rate of climb indicator was stuck showing a 3,000 foot-per-minute (15 meters per second) rate of descent. The tachometer was stuck at 2,200 r.p.m.

N3794N was well-equipped for instrument flight. The attitude indicator, a Sperry Gyroscope Company, Inc., F-3 Attitude Gyro, however, displayed pitch attitude in a way that was different than the indicators used in the airplanes in which Peterson had taken instrument flight instruction.

The Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), which was responsible for accident investigations at the time, determined that the accident's probable cause was "the pilot's unwise decision to embark on a flight which would necessitate flying solely by instruments when he was not properly certificated or qualified to do so." A contributing factor included ***"the pilot's unfamiliarity with the instrument which determines the attitude of the aircraft."***

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