

II. HIS PREPARATION

A. His Qualifications

1. Spiritual

- a. The missionary must be spiritually minded (Colossians 3:1-3)
- b. As opposed to being materially minded (Proverbs 15:17)
- c. As opposed to being carnally minded (Romans 8:7; Colossians 3:5-15; 1 John 2:16)
 - 1) Not to walk in the flesh
 - 2) Not to fulfill the lust of the flesh
 - 3) To walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16)

2. Character

- a. When no one else is there to watch
- b. When all has went wrong
 - 1) Quote by Lester Roloff: *“A test of a Christian’s character is what he does after he comes to the blockade in the road and what his attitude is after everything has left him except Jesus.”*
 - 2) Quote by David F. Reagan: *“Develop a dogged determination to serve God no matter what. Otherwise, you will quit when the times get rough – and they will get rough.”*
- c. Examples from Scripture – David, Daniel, Joseph, etc.
 - 1) David
 - i. A man after God’s own heart (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22)
 - ii. A man obedient to those over him (1 Samuel 17:17-18, 20)
 - iii. A determination to stand for what was right, in the face of huge opposition (1 Samuel 17:20-54)
 1. Opposition from within – Family opposition (1 Samuel 17:28-29)
 2. Opposition from without – Friend(s) opposition (1 Samuel 17:32-33)
 3. Opposition from the circumstances (1 Samuel 17:38-39)
 4. Opposition from the enemy (1 Samuel 17:41-47)
 - iv. A determination to stand when it was convenient to give in to the critic (1 Samuel 24:1-12; 1 Samuel 26:5-12)

- 2) Daniel
 - i. A man of wisdom and understanding (Daniel 1:17-21; Daniel 2:14)
 - ii. A man with a testimony to the Gentiles (unsaved) (Daniel 2:47)
 - iii. A man willing to face opposition for right (Daniel 6:1-28)
 - 3) Joseph
 - i. A responsible servant (Genesis 39:1-6)
 - ii. Favored by those that knew him (Genesis 39:4; Genesis 39:21)
 - iii. Full of character and integrity (Genesis 39:7-10)
 - iv. A man full of forgiveness (Genesis 50:15-21)
3. Ministry
- a. Experience in a ministry
 - 1) Preaching opportunities
 - i. Street
 - ii. Nursing home
 - iii. Radio
 - iv. Congregation
 - 2) Jail ministry
 - i. This will give the prospective missionary a different audience to deal with
 - ii. This audience will be sometimes more willing listen. Why? They have come to a low spot in their life.
 - 3) Children's ministry
 - i. This is a great opportunity as one will very likely have some form of ministry geared toward children once on the field.
 - ii. You will more than likely have a Sunday school or more than one Sunday school for children
 - 4) A "one on one" ministry
 - i. Visiting the elderly
 - ii. Visiting the sick
 - b. A time of service in ministry
 - 1) Experience is a great teacher
 - 2) All of the above ministries (and more) that I have listed will more than likely be formed (in time) on the field
 - 3) The more time that the prospective missionary has here will help him in the long run out there.
 - 4) The missionary will have life lessons that will help him when he gets to the field.