

Navigators

Matthew 5:13-16

Navigator

"No man is an island unto himself."

Created social beings with ability & need to interact with others. - **Matthew 4:19; 5:13-16; Mark 16:15**
Jesus leaves little doubt that His disciples are to influence men.

We are sometimes afraid to share our convictions because we might find others disagreeing.

A disciple of Jesus, an influencer of men, should be a navigator.

A navigator does at least five things:

A Navigator Identifies The Destination:

He's the guy that takes you from where you are to where you want to be.

Paul spent his life trying to get others to catch a vision of his destination. - **Philippians 3:20-21**

A Navigator Plots The Course:

There must be some way to get from point "A" to point "B".

Jesus is the course & a good navigator will put you on track with the Lord. - **John 14:6**

A Navigator Thinks Ahead:

Jesus never promised that being a Christian would be without problems and obstacles.

A good navigator will, wherever possible, look ahead and identify these sources of stumbling.

Forewarned is to be forearmed. - **Romans 14:13; Matthew 18:4-9**

A Navigator Makes Course Corrections:

After identifying the obstacles, you have to figure a way around, over, or under the problem.

A good navigator possesses something many others do not -- experience.

Experience and spiritual maturity qualifies one to help others through their problems. - **Acts 20:18-21**

A Navigator Stays With People:

You wouldn't expect a navigator to "jump ship" just as you were facing a crisis.

Times of trouble is when you need a navigator the most, a good navigator "through thick and thin."

He's not going to abandon you in the hour of trial. - **Hebrews 13:5-6**

Make A Difference In Others

Jesus wants His people to make a difference in the lives of others.

Being a navigator for others will allow us to do this.

Show them the way from earth to heaven, from the world to Jesus.

Help them identify the problems that stand in their way and stay with them, showing them how to work around and over the obstacles to become what God wants us to be.

Don't give up the ship.

A ship captain was once asked, as he was guiding his ship through a narrow channel with rocks on either side, "Do you know where every rock is?" He replied, "no, but I know where the channel is."

To navigate we must know where the safe channel is to guide us through this life.

We don't have to know where all the problems will arise if we know where the safe passage is found.

Many people claim to be navigators & want to guide us along the way from earth to heaven.

But most of them do not know where the safe channel is or else they do not care to take the time to learn where that channel is.

There is only one way from earth to heaven and that is to follow the compass (Bible) through the safe channel of life.