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The Planting of the Lord

While we certainly must give the Holy Spirit the prerogative to direct us as He pleases and to move us as He pleases, there is something to be said for being rooted. Ministries that accomplish the most good and reach the most people are typically ministries that have been around for quite a few years, doing essentially the same thing month after month and year after year. In the late 1940's Billy Graham established a format for his evangelistic crusades. Throughout the 50's, 60's, 70's 80's, and 90's he kept right on doing that same thing. If you listen to some of his sermons and invitations, there isn't all that much difference between a meeting from 1964 and one he preached in 1989. The singers changed, and Billy slowed down a bit in his delivery as he got older, but the basic format of the meetings remained intact. The meetings always included an introduction by Cliff Barrows, the mass choirs, a song by George Beverly Shea, a simple message from Billy which always included the cross and resurrection of Jesus, and then an invitation by Billy to

come forward and publicly receive Christ. At that point there was the never changing singing of "Just As I Am" – and all of that stayed virtually identical for decades.

And the fruit of his ministry just kept coming and coming and coming. Billy's ties got wider and narrower with the current styles, he made sure he brought in singers who could appeal to the younger generation, especially as he got older, but that was about as novel as he got. Some suggested that, as popular as he was, Billy should run for political office, but he couldn't be bothered. He had more important work to do, and would not allow himself to cease his production of fruit for the sake of prestige.

This is not to suggest that we cannot or should not be innovators. Nearly all of the most fruitful Christians have had a



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spark of innovation and creativity in them. And there may sometimes be two or three different seasonal changes over the course of our lives where God calls us to radically change our form of ministry. But we must recognize that for each and every Christian there is a post to fill; there is a divine planting to which we must submit. And not just for a few months or a couple of years, but essentially "until further notice," and often for the rest of our days. Any opportunity that attempts to entice us away from that place of service and fruitfulness must be vigorously rejected. It is not a geographical place of service, but a spiritual one. I started out ministering in Missouri, was then led by the Holy Spirit to New Mexico, and finally given a very clear word to move to Texas. In the process I have changed jobs, churches, and friends. But the calling of God on my life has never changed. And I find that as I abide in Jesus, and abide in His calling, His fruit appears from time to time. Not at the Billy Graham level, of course. But at the Dennis Pollock level. Grapevines, try as they might, cannot transform themselves into olive trees. And olive trees can never by positive thinking somehow evolve into oak trees.

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There is great freedom in finding your place in the vineyard of Jesus Christ, and determining to “settle in.” I cannot be certain that I will live in Texas for the rest of my days, although at this point it seems pretty likely. But I can be sure that wherever I am, I will always write; I will always seek ways to instruct young Christians. This is what I do; it is part of my spiritual DNA.

Every Christian has his or her own unique spiritual DNA. The gifts and the calling of God are not only without repentance – they are marvelous to behold, and oh, so creative. Sometimes the work is difficult; sometimes God calls us to do things that are not at all convenient, not always dazzling, sparkly, or fun. George Whitefield, toward the end of his life, a life of continual traveling, preaching, and wearing himself out, said, “I get tired in the work, but never of the work.” Let us find that unique place of Jesus’ planting for us, and remain in that blessed spiritual location as He produces His wonderful fruit in our lives.

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SPECIAL DVD: “MY TESTIMONY OF OVERCOMING RUNAWAY BLOOD SUGAR”



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While still in his forties, Dennis began experiencing wildly fluctuating blood sugar levels, a sure indicator of a pre-diabetic condition. As a believer in Jesus Christ, Dennis did what Christians do—he prayed and sought the Lord about it. He also did a lot of research and reading, and in time God gave him the answer to this terrible monster. Fifteen years later Dennis is still diabetes-free, and has written two books on the subject, helping people find ways to win their battle against runaway blood sugar.

Now we are in the process of producing videos on this same subject. The first video is a testimony of what Dennis experienced, how he found the answers, and also includes a blood sugar test that you will find eye-opening!

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