

Perseverance outline

PREFACE

The material included in these pages is meant to give you, the Rollista, something as a basic help in your presentation of the PERSEVERANCE talk. You are encouraged to follow the outline guide for DIRECTION OF CONTENT, but NOT AS THE CONTENT itself.

The focus of this talk centers on the whole point of the weekend: value of personal contact with other Christians to grow and have the same vision. It is a talk that deals with presenting a practical means of growth. As you prepare your talk, please be sure to read all the supporting Scripture passages, then choose those passages which seem most appropriate for your rollo. When you give your rollo, please read the passages you choose as a part of your talk. Let God speak through His Word and tell how it relates to you and your experiences in life. Time allotted is a maximum of 30 minutes.

There are a few additional materials included that might be helpful to you. All material given to you is meant to guide your thinking while at the same time you have the freedom of your individual expression. God's Blessings be yours as you prepare for your presentation of this rollo.

SYNOPSIS

The PERSEVERANCE talk stresses the fact that for continued growth in the Christian Life in Grace, it is important to be renewed in our relationship with Christ, and, in our relationships with other Christians, so that the Christian Community can thereby be effective in the evangelizing of all people.

OUTLINE #14 PERSEVERANCE

I. Introduction

A. Overall View

Friday—look at self –the head—call to be fully Christian

Saturday—look at Christ—the will—involves nurturing of Christian life.

Sunday—look at world—the heart—share Christ

B. If weekend only a pleasant memory, it will do little to advance the Kingdom, either in self or in the world

II. Perseverance

[Hebrews 10:19-39](#)

A. Definitions

1. Webster says: 'to continue doing something in spite of difficulty; persistence'.

2. Christian perspective: God will do His work in spite of all difficulties. [Phil. 1:6](#)

God is faithful to His promises to us; because of His faithfulness, He enables and empowers the Believer to persevere in serving the Lord.

I Co r. 15: 58 , Ph i 1. 2: 12, 13

Continued growth in the Life in Grace, is best done in a community of Christians, striving to live the life of Christ. One of the principal problems with living the Christian life is lack of perseverance—the failure to answer the call to 'persevere'. [Hebrews 10:36](#)

B. Dangers

1. False Christianity — believing that doing Christian things will make us Christian

I [John 1:8,10](#), II [Tim. 3:1-7](#), I [John 4:1-6](#)

2. Overconfidence; 'Proud as a peacock' — believing we are something

[I Cor. 4:7](#)– [I John 1:8](#), Provo 3:11

3. Lack of confidence — believing we are nothing

[II Tim. 1:7](#), [I Peter 3:15](#)

C. Remedies

1. Relationship with Christ

[I John 1:9](#), [I John 4:1](#), [II Tim. 1:8b-10](#)

2. Relationship with Body of Christ

[Matt. 18:20](#), [Heb. 10:24,25](#), [Col. 3:12-15](#)

Cursillo is not a substitute for the local congregation

III. The Cursillo Method

A. Pre-Cursillo — preparation time

The purpose of Cursillo is to renew the Christian community through individual Christians within the Church so that all people will be evangelized.

B. Weekend

The purpose of the Cursillo weekend is to:

Serve as a catalyst in the introduction of believers to Christ's call in their lives to be His Servants, Provide Biblical, theological, and experiential foundations upon which renewal can continue, and,

Serve as a training ground for those who have accepted Christ's call so that as they lead, they too may grow in their walk with Christ.

C. Post Cursillo — begins tomorrow

The purpose of the post-weekend (the Fourth Day) is to:

Put into practice the renewed sense of servanthood as prompted by the Holy Spirit, and,

Encourage the Fourth Day community in their commitment to Christ, to fellow believers, and to the world.

1. Grouping

[Eph. 5:19,20](#), [I John 1:7](#), [Romans 1:11,12](#), [I Thess. 5:11](#)

Is close, deep friendship raised to the level of the Divine; is profitable for encouragement, accountability, correction and mutual edification

a. Characteristics of Grouping

(1) Organized by Cursillistas (and sponsors of new Cursillistas)

(2) 3-5 people

(3) Open to anyone who has a need for a small group

(4) Meet weekly - 60-90 minutes

(5) Sincerity

(6) Confidentiality

(7) Honesty

(8) The ABC'S

(a) Accept you as you are

(b) Believe you are valuable

(c) Care for you

b. Method Used

'This is where the rubber and the road really meet'. The Christian Life is strengthened and deepened by being shared.

(1) Prayer

(2) Personal sharing—use of Christian Growth Card
as a guide and resource with flexibility.

(3) Study

(4) Action - Palanca

(5) Plan a time, place of meeting, (homes,
restaurants, etc.) and food — optional

Make Time for your personal Piety, Study, Action. It's your Lifeline with Christ.

2. Ultreya

A Spanish word meaning: 'Grouping of the Groups'; expands ones' sights to include a broader spectrum of humanity-large groups of local bodies of believers, either congregationally or geographically based.

a. Characteristics of Ultreya

(1) Meets monthly - approx. 2 hrs.

(2) Anyone is welcome

(3) Organized by local representatives

(4) Meeting held in evening at homes or churches

(5) Food - determined by each Ultreya

b. structure of meeting is varied: grouping, growth activities, opportunities for service (general palanca), sharing of joys and sorrows within the congregation or community, mini-rollos, celebration (Liturgy optional), singing, planning for recruitment.

3. Reunion

a. Based upon geographic area served by the Secretariat

b. Meets semi-annually for 2-2 1/2 hrs. (or longer for picnics, etc.)

c. Organized by Secretariat Grouping Coordinator and attendance is open to anyone

d. Time of Celebration and Fellowship (may include Liturgy)

e. Held in the afternoon

f. Place of meeting and food—arranged by the Secretariat

Grouping Coordinator

IV. Conclusion

A. If you don't feel close to God, ask yourself the question, "Who moved?"

B. An isolated Christian is ineffective...paralyzed...stagnate

Therefore: [Eph. 2:19-22](#)

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[II Thess. 1:3](#)

[I Peter 2:2,3](#)

[II Peter 3:18](#)

C . PRESS ON!!!

Phi 1. 3: 12-21

ADDITIONAL NOTES/MATERIALS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL — PERSEVERANCE

Focus of talk:

value of personal contact with other Christians to grow and have the same vision

God's Calls:

Direct whole life Lo God (Piety)

Reform the mind—develop fully Christian attitude (Study)

Be Evangelizer—give witness to Gospel in life (Action)

Be God's Agents for change in world (Leaders)

Transform situation you are in so it becomes a living Christian community (Environment)

Be Christ in world where you live (Laity & Christian Community)