



## Heart of a Missionary Week 5

### Characteristics of a missionary:

- Love
- Compassion
- Willing to lay down their life for others
- Abandonment to God
- Obedience to God
- Perseverance
- Filled with the Holy Spirit
- Given to prayer
- Lives in the location of faith
- Full of Boldness

### Missionaries discussed:

- David Livingston
- The Ecuador 5-Jim Elliott and friends
- Amy Carmichael
- Jackie Pullinger
- H.A and Josephine Baker
- John Hyde
- Count Nikolaus Ludwig Zinzendorf
- Heidi Baker
- Reinhardt Bonnke
- John G Lake
- Brother Andrew
- Mary Slessor
- Samuel Zwemer

## Every missionary needs to be \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition of devotion: a commitment or dedication to some purpose

People who are devoted are obsessed with whatever it is they are devoted to

Example: Buffalo Bills

### **Luke 9:23-24**

A true follower of Jesus is devoted because he or she commits every part of his or her life to loving and living for God. This cannot be done out of obligation or to earn salvation.

The Bible teaches that we are to have “sincere and pure devotion to Christ (**2 Corinthians 11:3**)

The Bible teaches we are to be devoted to \_\_\_\_\_ (**Colossians 4:2**)

The Bible teaches we are to be devoted to \_\_\_\_\_ (**Romans 12:10**)

The things the early church was devoted to: **Acts 2:42**

### Adoniram Judson

Adoniram Judson (1788–1850) and his first wife were the \_\_\_\_\_ commissioned foreign missionaries in American history.

Adoniram spent almost forty years in \_\_\_\_\_, which is now the nation of

\_\_\_\_\_. During his ministry, he helped lead hundreds of Burmese and people from the Karen tribe to saving faith in Jesus Christ, translated the Bible and other Christian writings into two different languages, wrote numerous booklets and tracts on a variety of theological topics.

He is known as the man who \_\_\_\_\_

## Missionaries, a \_\_\_\_\_, and the Office of an Apostle

Not every missionary has a pioneering spirit.

Apostles always have \_\_\_\_\_

Not every \_\_\_\_\_ is an apostle

Apostles are always sent ones who go into uncharted territories for the sake of the advancement of the Kingdom of God

The definition of a **Missionary** is \_\_\_\_\_

## **Pioneering Spirit**

### Definition of a Pioneer

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A pioneer is someone who sees potential, an innovator who is willing to try new things. A pioneer pushes boundaries to advance a cause or idea or break a record. These men and women have experienced success in their field, sometimes by overcoming great challenges.

### Pioneers we have benefited from in history

1. The Wright Brothers - the pioneered aviation
2. Alexander Graham Bell- pioneered global communications
3. Henry Ford -pioneered transportation

### Example of a pioneer of the faith: \_\_\_\_\_

He brought to the church the message of healing and deliverance that had been obscured for hundreds of years

- The church's lack of practice and faith in this area bothered him
- Most other clergy opposed him and called him a fraud for practicing divine healing
- He was arrested more than \_\_\_\_\_ in 1895 in an attempt to stop his healing ministry
- The more he was persecuted the more successful his ministry became
- Hundreds were healed and thousands came to hear him preach

### Facts about pioneers

1. Pioneers are often \_\_\_\_\_, mistreated, and misquoted.
2. The benefits of their life' work is only seen and appreciated afterwards
3. Pioneers help expand and breakthrough barriers that keep us from moving forward
4. Every generation needs pioneers  
Human nature is to remain the same, but the pioneers of society push us forward
5. Pioneers shake us from \_\_\_\_\_
6. Pioneers motivate us to reach our goals
7. Pioneers advance, progress, gain growing, and conquer territory
8. Pioneers have extraordinary courage, talent, vision, and ability
9. Pioneers can succeed in the face of overwhelming odds
10. Pioneers are pathfinders, trailblazers, and innovators
11. Pioneers are the catalyst that causes things to happen
12. Pioneers penetrate new territories
13. Pioneers initiate new movements
14. Pioneers are pathfinders -the first to enter and the open the way for others
15. Pioneers are frontiersmen -they live expand the horizon, they live on the edge

### The Apostles of the Early church were

They laid the foundations for the church by writing the New Testament

They were persecuted

They overcame obstacles that would have stopped most ordinary people

They invaded new territory and new nations with the Gospel

They helped establish the church and started new works

### William Carey -

In 1793, William Carey, his wife Dorothy, their four children and Dorothy's sister Kitty. arrived in the British colony of \_\_\_\_\_, where he would serve \_\_\_\_\_.

Carey served in India for \_\_\_\_\_ before he saw his first convert.

Despite these early years of minimal fruit in terms of conversions, by 1821, Carey and his associates had baptized \_\_\_\_\_ converts.

Carey's commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ proved his most important legacy.

He helped plant \_\_\_\_\_ churches and \_\_\_\_\_ schools.

Carey also labored for \_\_\_\_\_

William Carey had 3 wives and 3 children \_\_\_\_\_ while serving on the mission field in India.

He served in India for more than \_\_\_\_\_ years without a furlough.

### William Carey quotes

Expect great things from God. Attempt great things from God.

I am not afraid of failure. I am afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter

It is the duty of those who are entrusted with the Gospel to make it known among all nations

To know the will of God we need an open Bible and an open map

### **Hudson Taylor-** \_\_\_\_\_

Hudson Taylor was the most widely known missionary in \_\_\_\_\_.

During his \_\_\_\_\_ years of service there, his China Inland Mission established \_\_\_\_\_ mission stations, brought \_\_\_\_\_ missionaries to the field, trained some \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese workers, raised four million dollars by faith (following Mueller's example), and developed a witnessing Chinese church of 125,000. It has been said at least \_\_\_\_\_ were his own converts and that he baptized some \_\_\_\_\_.

His gift for inspiring people to give themselves and their possessions to Christ was amazing.

The personal cost of Taylor's vision was high on his family: his wife Maria died at age 33, and four of eight of their children died before they reached the age of 10. Hudson suffered from bouts of depression due to his loss, but he kept on going.

### **The office of the** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Ephesians 4:11-12**

There are a lot of misconceptions about the office of the apostle

## What is an Apostle?

We need to understand this word was not first a biblical word it was a \_\_\_\_\_

### Definition

Greek "apostolos" was a compound word (2 words) comes from another Greek word "apostello" (original word)

**Apo** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Stello** - \_\_\_\_\_

Together means one who is sent away, a messenger, a delegate who is commissioned to represent another person

**Stello** comes from another word which means a military expedition or campaign, an army or a navy - the idea of a military assault

The word gives the picture of a military expedition sent to the front line to crush the enemy and take new territory

Apostolic ministry is a \_\_\_\_\_

Apostles are sent into \_\_\_\_\_ to crush the enemy and take new territory for the Kingdom of God

The word "Apostolos" appears in the New Testament \_\_\_\_\_ times

The word "apostello" is used \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament

The word is also used in the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ (Greek Septuigent)

This word is not a mystery. It is very clearly defined in the Bible

It describes a person who is dispatched

### Other things the word implies:

- One that is sent away in great \_\_\_\_\_
- One that is sent away in great \_\_\_\_\_

- One who is empowered
- One who is dispatched to the frontlines to carry out a military campaign

The word apostle depicts a person who was personally selected and dispatched by a very high-ranking military dignitary to accomplish a specific task

The word “apostolos” was used 4 different ways within context of the culture of the New Testament church

### #1

The word apostolos was used in the Bible times as a word to describe the admiral of a fleet of military ships. The fleet of ships that travelled with him carried a specialized crew that accompanied him and assisted him.

### #2

Also, the word “apostolos” was so attached to traveling that it became the New Testament word for “\_\_\_\_\_”

It was the name given to a traveling document. If they wanted to leave the country, they needed an “apostolos”. It gave them the right of passage to travel.

### #3

The word “apostolos” was also the New Testament word for an \_\_\_\_\_.

Definition of ambassador: a high ranking representative, a person who has the authority to act in the place of the one who sent him, diplomat

When an ambassador speaks, they have the authority to speak on behalf of his sender.

### #4

The word was used to describe a \_\_\_\_\_, one who has been endowed by the gods with supernatural insights and revelation.

If you had an “apostolos” in your life you had someone who would take you into new spiritual territory.

**Galatians 1:1**

**Galatians 1:12**

**Summary:**

The word Apostle carried all these meanings. So, when the people of the early church heard or read the word “apostle” they understood the meaning of the word.

An apostle was specially selected, specially commissioned, and specially sent to represent the Lord in a variety of ways.

An apostle was a spiritual admiral, a spiritual architect, an overseer, a coordinator, and the chief leader responsible for “colonizing” new territories with the word of God and New Testament church culture.

An apostle provided passage from one spiritual dimension to another, and his anointing would enable a church to journey into levels of spiritual growth that it would possible never reach apart from the apostles anointing

An apostle was authorized to speak and act on the Lord’s behalf and like an ambassador, he represented Jesus Christ and had the backing of God’s kingdom behind him and as the envoy of Christ, he had the anointing and spiritual backing and authority to get things accomplished.

An apostle possesses supernatural insights for the building up and growth of the church

**Paul describes the characteristics of an apostle:****2 Corinthians 12:12 (KJV)**


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**Definition of patience:** to stay, abide, remain in one’s spot, to keep one’s position, to resolve to maintain territory, to hang in and staying power, refusing to surrender, turning down every opportunity to quit

It pictures a soldier who maintains their position \_\_\_\_\_

**Signs**

This word describes \_\_\_\_\_

Paul had miraculous activities at key pivotal moments when he came into new territory

Example: when he came to the Corinthians

**1 Corinthians 2:1****1 Corinthians 2:4**



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Refer to an event that leaves one baffled, bewildered or astonished, an event that leaves one at a loss of words.

It depicts a shock or surprise felt by bystanders who observed the event that was contrary to the normal course of nature

Example: Acts 16

### Mighty Deeds

Explosive, superhuman power that comes with enormous energy and produces phenomenal, extraordinary, an unparalleled result that are impressive, incomparable and beyond the human ability to perform

Like a flood of God's power is released through a person to drive back the powers of darkness.