

hardly anything about it, or maybe the leader has told you something but then you can judge for yourself.

25. Sometimes we found out it wasn't problem people, it was problem preachers, problem pastors! A pastor would tell us about some problem case he had in the congregation & it turned out that he was the problem when we heard the person's story! So as an evangelist you are also like a district superintendent & you have to hear some of these people's problems & some of their stories & get their side of the story & their case as well as the leadership side.

26. So I suggest you give them some time & try to talk to as many people as you can who want to speak to you privately about something, & reserve some time for them. And be sure you get both sides of the story! There are always two or three or more sides to the story. Usually there's their side of the story, then there's the preacher's side of the story, & maybe even one of the congregation members has a different tale to tell from the problem case & the preacher & he sees it in a different light! Maybe he sees that both of them have problems & they both need dealing with.

27. That's part of your job as a travelling evangelist, to counsel & pray with people about their personal problems. So you should try to arrange your schedule so it will give you enough time for all of these things & ministries that you will have as you go from place to place as an evangelist. You can pastor, & many an evangelist has pastored, but most evangelists do not make as good pastors as the ones who are really called to be pastors themselves.

28. Pastors have to be plodders with lots of patience & easier on people, more lenient. They live with them, they usually understand their problems better & they're more merciful, can put up with more. Evangelists are kind of hit-&-run people who come in & lay it on the line & sock it to 'm & slice away, sometimes without mercy—and sometimes they need it—and sock it to 'm & then hit-&-run, & the people can only stand so much of them too! That's why they usually only have evangelistic meetings about once a year in most churches. They can't stand having it socked to them that hard too often.

29. But it's the evangelist's job to sock it to 'm & say things

to them that the preacher wouldn't dare say to them or they'd kick him out! But they expect it & they need it & sometimes they even want it. They want to be told the truth but they don't want their own preacher or pastor telling them because they've got to live with him. But they don't mind your telling them off & socking it to them because you're a stranger & they're willing to take it from you since they don't have to take it all year.

30. So there's a general idea on what I would consider fairly good meeting plans. I'm just speaking generally, of course. The specifics, the actual times & all that will be up to the local folks & their situation & when they can book the meeting hall or the hotel diningroom or campground or whatnot. And don't forget, a lot depends, as I say, on how much the neighbours can stand. It can't go running on late at night with a noisy meeting with neighbours that you're going to annoy as well. So the length of your meetings & how much noise they can take depends a great deal on the place & the neighbours & the management & the help etc., so you'd better watch your step.

31. Finally on this tour I'd suggest you go just the shortest distance between two points, a straight line to the next capital & you just hop around from the capital central city of each country only. Make it a NAF, a weekend Nationwide Fellowship Meeting, & come prepared to stay for the weekend.—Maybe coming in on Friday night to rest up for Saturday's meetings & maybe staying through Sunday night & take off & go home on Monday. (Or make it a whole week NAF if possible.)

32. So have a little heart for your poor people & their physical needs & their physical limitations. "The Spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak!"—Mt.26:41. Don't forget it, & have a little consideration for their poor tired weary flesh, amen? Lots of those dear people would've loved to have had us go on & on through the night but they just couldn't stand it physically.

33. You're going to need time to arrange the itinerary & the schedules & correspond & communicate with all those leaders in order for them to try to set up their schedule of meetings or NAFs so that you can go right from one to the other without having to go too far between & waste too much time & space & money on too long hops.