

Share the light continued

about your ministry as a member of the Christian team.

4. *Determine the needs and opportunities (Galatians 6:10).* List these needs of the Body and the community. Speak to your pastor or other leaders of the church about the needs they know about. Hurts of the community can also be found by searching the local newspapers.

5. *Inventory your interests, abilities, talents, and past involvements.* After you have completed the survey, pray and ask God for divine direction to meet the needs of others.

6. *Match your abilities and interests with the needs and opportunities.* Even if you're not sure about ability, reach out in love. Be a doer—act. Love is an action word. Start! Go in prayer!

7. *Give reports of the ministry.* Share with someone about your opportunities in ministry. Of course, you can minister without public credit or recognition; but if your caring and serving is through the church, you should give an account to those overseeing this ministry. Pass along the exciting things God has helped you to do. It will inspire others.

One of the great discoveries of the church is that all members are needed. The joy of belonging to Christ is in giving. "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:23).

Congratulations! You really are a minister!



A pastor and layman view the Royal Rangers

The success of the Royal Rangers is partly the result of its leadership training program. Annually special training camps are conducted for leaders to learn skills essential for teaching and training boys.

National Training Camps (NTC) are held in several different regional locations every year. The accompanying articles describe their benefits to the individual and the church.

An excuse to go to the woods

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For some time I had the feeling that the National Training Camp of the Royal Rangers was unnecessary and a waste of time—that it gave some men of our congregation an excuse to go out into the woods and miss services on Sunday. I felt it took time away from other more important duties.

However, I changed my mind 2 years ago after one of our members attended NTC. On his return that Sunday evening he said, "Pastor, I've just got to testify!" Then for 20 minutes he related to the congregation the spiritual growth that had taken place in his life and the values he had gained while there.

He so inspired the people that we had an unusual move of the Holy Spirit in the service that evening.

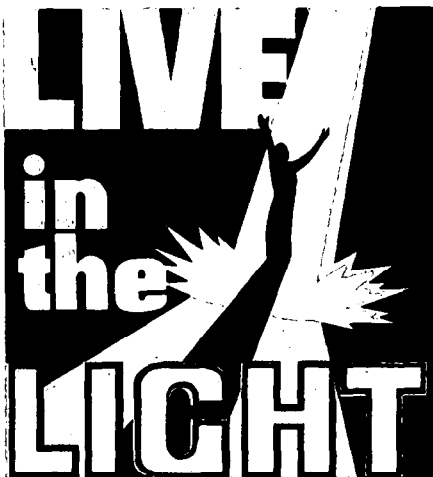
In February 1981 another of our men attended. He had been seeking the infilling of the Holy Spirit for some time, to no avail. That Sunday evening on his return from NTC he greeted me with an extra exuberance and asked, "Pastor, do you see anything different about me?"

Well, it was obvious there was a new light in his countenance. He had been outgoing before, but now there was a new glow, a new flow of joy.

Later in the service he was anxious to testify to receiving the precious baptism in the Holy Spirit around the council fire.

NTC has completely changed the lives of both these men, and they have changed my opinion of NTC. In fact, I wish every man in our congregation, including the pastor, could go to the next NTC!

Editor's note: Since writing this article Pastor Bright has been initiated into the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity at the Peninsular Florida NTC.



SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY

FOR AUGUST 8-14

- 8. Mark 5:1-20
- 9. John 1:6-18
- 10. Acts 1:1-11
- 11. Acts 5:17-32
- 12. Acts 22:6-16
- 13. 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
- 14. Ezekiel 3:15-21

Baptized in the Spirit at NTC

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It was Saturday, February 7, 1981. The eight members of the Owl

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