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## Stumbling Forward

Sometimes God allows His children to make efforts to do things in His service which He fully knows will be fruitless and go nowhere. This does not at all mean that such efforts are pointless or even failures. They are simply the first stumbling attempts to move forward in our service to God. Although not blessed with wonderful results, still there will be no future success if it is not first preceded by these unimpressive, faltering, not-so-spectacular efforts. I have experienced many of these less than stellar efforts in my own life. Many years ago, while teaching school in Albuquerque, I felt the calling to ministry very powerfully. Just how this could ever come about I could not imagine. I had no Bible college degree, I had few contacts in the ministry, and there seemed little reason to expect success. Still that calling was there and I was convinced it was genuine.

Finally I decided to do something about it. I created a logo, and had a large batch of stationary and envelopes printed which proudly displayed the name of my new ministry. I called it *Dennis Pollock Revival Ministries*. I could hardly wait until the stationary and envelopes arrived! As soon as they came I sent out a letter and a pamphlet about revival to

many of the evangelical pastors in the city, announcing that I was available for ministering in their churches. I eagerly waited for the calls and letters to come pouring in. Strangely, there was no pouring in, or even sprinkling. I think I may have received one call and one or two letters and zero invitations to speak. Thus was the nature of the extremely short-lived *Dennis Pollock Revival Ministries*.

Was it foolish of me to try such a thing? In hindsight I don't think so. Attempting to start that ministry at that time represented simply the first, light contractions of a ministry that would eventually be born, quite a few years later, that *would* succeed and would result in my teaching and preaching Christ both in the U. S. and in many nations throughout the world. My timing might have been a little off, but I seriously doubt that God was upset or

offended that I made the effort. Indeed had I sat around and never made any efforts at all, waiting for God to just drop a ministry in my lap, then He probably *would* have been upset, and I would still be waiting today.

The Bible says, "**In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand; for you do not know which will prosper, either this or that, or whether both**

**alike will be good**" (Ecclesiastes 11:6). There are times when the best thing we can possibly do is go for it! We may not be sure if our timing is right, God may have to tweak our style, our lack of maturity may bring about less than desirable results, we may even be planting seeds in the wrong field, but still we must get to work. Even if we head out in the wrong direction, it is easier for God to steer and direct a moving vehicle than one that is inert, without motion, movement, or sweat. Teach a Sunday school class, go door to door with gospel literature, volunteer to help with a program at your church, write an article, sing at a church event, volunteer your services to a local ministry you respect, start a blog, work at a homeless shelter, create an e-newsletter, produce a podcast, determine to be a one-person greeting committee to every visitor that shows up in your church, start a ladies Bible study (if you're a lady), join the missions committee... Just get started and do something! And if, after a season, you sense



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that God is telling you that this is not for you, then quit that, and do something else. Pray for guidance, to be sure, but don't wait until heaven's trumpets blare and Gabriel comes to your room to announce the exact details of your ministry! Get moving, and trust the Holy Spirit to steer and guide you until you arrive at that form of ministry which has been established for you from the foundations of the world.

When Thomas Edison was attempting to create an incandescent light bulb that would burn more than a few minutes, he tried thousands of different materials from both plants and metals in search of the perfect filament. Over and over again he experienced failure. Some didn't work at all; some fizzled out after only seconds or minutes. But still Edison persevered. Finally he hit upon a carbonized bamboo filament which would last over 1,000 hours, and the world was given the gift of light. What we need today are some spiritual Thomas Edisons who will not rest until they have discovered their own unique place of ministry, by which our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified, His cross and resurrection proclaimed, His sheep fed, His servants equipped, and His elect saved. If at first there must be a few apparent failures or even a lot of them, let us doggedly pursue the perfect will of God for our lives until we can experience the "much fruit" which Jesus has promised all those who will abide in Him. "To him who knocks, it will be opened."

## This Month—Mission India

Dennis and Benedicta are scheduled to minister in India this month (October). **This will be our last overseas mission of 2014.** As is normally the case this mission is a step of faith. The total budget for this mission will run around \$11,000, and we are presently in need of around \$9,500 to come in before we leave in mid - October. We appreciate your prayers and generous donations toward this mission. The regular gifts given by our friends keep this ministry going, but it is the extra gifts you send that enable us to reach out to the nations in these special missions. **You can also donate through PayPal at our website: [www.spiritofgrace.org](http://www.spiritofgrace.org).**

**Believers Training**—We will be teaching Indian believers about the *Coming of Christ* and the *Nature of Effective Evangelism*. (Pictures are from previous Indian missions)



**Evangelism**—Dennis & Ben will be preaching Christ in evening evangelistic meetings.



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