

# GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKERS

From a Workshop by Homer Martin

## I. Learn about CFO

- A. Being a camper is a must prior to being a speaker
- B. Digest *Our Bond of Faith*
- C. Read other writings of Glenn Clark
- D. Determine the purpose of CFO

## II. Personal pre-camp preparation

- A. Of course--pray, study, meditate
- B. Answer your invitation quickly
- C. Check out travel agreements and details
- D. Learn if your spouse is invited and at whose expense
- E. Check with Council Ring about items you may have for sale
- F. Cooperate with the Camp theme
- G. Arrive on campus ready to speak
- H. Plan to do your best each time
- I. Do not plan to treat camp as your vacation time

## III. Personal daily activity

- A. Associate with campers
- B. Participate in the daily routine
- C. Be available--do not withdraw
- D. Attend Council Ring meetings as invited

## IV. When you are speaking

- A. Be yourself--no pretense
- B. Be all you can be
- C. Demonstrate that you are still learning
- D. Your talk must have a purpose--otherwise why give it?
- E. Be a camp team member
  - 1. Cooperate with others
  - 2. Speak well of others
  - 3. Lift up all CFO activities--prayer groups, song, rhythms, creatives and other leadership
  - 4. Be vulnerable--because you are already
- F. Share about your personal experiences in life
  - 1. How our Lord has blessed you
  - 2. Some of your current growing areas
  - 3. How a failure was overcome
  - 4. How you were brought through your problems
  - 5. Lift Jesus higher

## V. A few things not to do:

- A. Don't be professional
- B. Don't teach doctrine
- C. Don't go past your time
- D. Don't try to change CFO
- E. Don't leave camp early
- F. Don't trade schedules
- G. Don't sell items from the platform
- H. Don't come against others
- I. Don't be "preachy"
- J. Don't "hide" from the campers

***CFOs are to be Christian experiences and a speaker should be instrumental in helping others learn that Jesus is Lord.***

**Guidelines for "Lamplighters."** (added May 2009) guidelines for Lamplighters should be same as those listed for Speakers. Pages 19 and 21 of the "Guidelines for Camp Council Rings" provide adequate definition for speakers whether they be rostered, non-rostered or lamplighter speakers. The committee, however, suggests the following criteria be employed for selecting a lamplighter as a speaking leader:

- a. They should have been observed as a speaking leader at a Council Ring or a zone retreat. These venues are the preferred place of first exposure for new speaking leaders since those attending will be veteran CFOers.
- b. They should be chosen by the Council Ring and not accepted simply because they volunteered. Before being chosen, spiritual discernment, by experienced Council Ring members, should be prayerfully exercised concerning the person's personal character.
- c. If lamplighters are used by the camp, it is recommended they be used only as the morning speaker.