

The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo *by Dave Garwood (20 min)*

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit

True story about a man saving his daughter from rape, and didn't know it was his daughter, but did it anyway.

1. INTRODUCTION

This man did the right thing. What would you do in this situation?

What I might do is to pray that I'm never in that situation.

But if I was, I would hope that I know what the right thing to do is, and that I can somehow do that right thing.

We have all learned so much during these past three days, and we have done the right thing by being here. So now what?

What is the right thing once we leave here today?

On day one, we asked you to contribute three things:

Your idealism, your self-surrender and your spirit of charity.

In other words to seek and live the truth as we come into this, the third day of the Cursillo, where I can look around and see the joy, the De Colores in your faces.

This joy shows because we know that we are graced and can live by the truth, with the virtues of faith, hope and charity, thanking God for His many blessings.

Something has happened here, but not just for here, but rather to remain with you always if you follow the ideas that you have been given,

And especially if you follow what will be given in the last Rollo that you will soon hear.

2. MISSION

And now, I am giving you a mission, a clear, pressing mission to complete:

And that mission is to encourage, to convince and to enthuse others. I'm not necessarily talking about getting people to make Cursillo weekends, but only to bring them to Christ, and then maybe to live a Cursillo weekend.

Let me ask you this: "If you've found something that is wonderful, then why wouldn't you want to give that to others?"

You have discovered Grace and you are friends of God.

Don't you too want everyone to feel as you feel?

Those that I am speaking about are those that you know, and all those that life puts in your path and whom you can touch with your optimism.

The world will not be lost due to those who don't believe, but because there are few Christians who live and act their Christianity.

So your mission, if you should accept it, is what Christ has called you to do; to share your knowledge with others.

We are alive with the Good News, and we can't rest without going out and giving the Good News to others.

The words of the Pope gives us strength, "The salvation of many depends on the actions of a few."

We are the few.

3. Let me tell you about two dangers that we face.

- a. To believe that we are something
- b. To believe that we are nothing

A. We are Something.

Are we each so great that we could just walk out there and take on the world alone?

I wouldn't recommend it.

I was a specialty sheet metal journeyman for 36 years. I couldn't do my job if it wasn't for the several thousand dollars worth of hand tools that I carried with me. And when I made things in the shops that I worked, I would use a lot of expensive and some very heavy equipment, like presses, shears, all kinds of lock formers, welding equipment, CNC plasma cutters, and much more. I needed a lot of help for me to do my job.

There is no way that I could bend up metal and fasten it together if I had only my hands to do it.

It's the same way here, to not resist the hand of God and go our own way.

If we are aware of our own helplessness, we can work along with the hand of God to receive a remedy for every situation.

B. We are nothing.

We are unable to do anything alone,

so don't be timid about asking Jesus for a miracle, because **we are everything in Christ.**

Never feel that you are alone, but instead a member of the *Body of Christ*.

“We are an overwhelming majority”.

“Christ and I are an overwhelming majority”

Matt. 10:19 (*Look it up*)

“When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say.”

Witness: (the fire up the spine)-the experience of what happened at Mark's house.

4. Keep in contact with Christ, guys.

And contact with our brothers and sisters is insured in the Group Reunion, which you will hear more about that in the next Rollo.

5. What is the Cursillista?

1. To be a Cursillista is to be a Christian.
2. If we will grow in Grace, we can then be heroes in the supernatural dimension.
3. To be Christ in the world requires continuous courage.
4. As we grow in grace, we become hero's for Christ.
5. We can share our grace by having conscious and continued growth.
6. We can be a living testimony to the Gospel that through Him, Christ is manifested to others in a natural way.

6. What the Cursillista has:

A. The Cursillista needs a clear concept of the *ideal*.

Only fools sacrifice themselves for unknown causes.

We don't seek anything new.

It's the spirit of Christianity that shakes our souls by means of apostolic action.

Witness: Helping an older woman across an icy street—but not for brownie points.

B. A Cursillista also needs a clear concept of the *reality*.

Christ accepted His reality entirely with no illusions,

but we are a bit more realistic because we want to be effective, (**thinking it out**),

but we do possess with our Ideal the power to transform the reality, (**in changing lives**).

This morning we made a **study of the environment** of this reality and maybe you have already planned something concrete, with the purpose of carrying out future plans and keeping in mind all that you have been told,

mainly what you will hear in the last rollo, will lead you to unsuspected victories.

7. What the Cursillista Should Know:

As Cursillistas, we have the opportunity to live in **God's divine grace**.

We don't lose anything when we live as Christ in the world.

Instead we gain by increasing the value of our own lives.

8. The Christianization of the Environment

The mission of the Cursillista is to infuse and encourage one another to give a new spirit and stamina to all activities.

The Cursillistas action, based on their ***piety and study***, will give their new spirit activities that await their vigorous inspiration, carried out with conviction, **audacity** and with **courage**.

9. Vital Function is to Christianize:

We seek to encourage one another when we meet,

by means of sharing our **piety and our study** when we meet in group reunion

Witness: I have 2 groups

1. Tuesday morning

2. Thursday morning

We meet in our group reunions so that we may be better and more capable of spreading the Good News to the world by means of apostolic action.

Our piety and study is much like the beating of our heart,

When it contracts, it draws in oxygen and life, and when it expands, pumping life to the body, is like our apostolic action.

10. Our Life, a Perennial Cursillo

Brothers, it is almost time to go and fulfill your mission and share and spread the Good News to all the environments, giving life to all and everything.

And that should be the *Christian life, deeply felt, lived and spread*.

Men, this Cursillo weekend must **not** end today and it doesn't have to end at all.

The Perennial Cursillo is what is also called the fourth day, and it can extend the joy and beauty of this weekend forever.

Our regular grouping, attending Ultreyas and other functions, and living our **piety, study, and our apostolic action** are all a part of this **perennial Cursillo**.

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(If time remains: share about incident over 3 weeks ago in Kalamazoo.....

What we do is more important than what we say.....

Actions speak louder than word.....

As you can see, I had forgotten that I was a Christian.....

And then I remembered and made the most of it as possible.....

Don't forget that we are all Christians, and not just when others are looking, but as we live our whole life.

....we shouldn't worry so much about this world here, but our true focus should be on the next world.... This pilgrimage to God with our brothers and sisters.

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