

# *Sociedad Dominicana de los Testigos de Jehová*



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## **CIRCUIT OVERSEER MEETS WITH PIONEERS PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 2010 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2011**

Theme: “Keep On Holding Fast What You Have” (Re 3:11)

[To be conducted by the circuit overseer. The meeting should be upbuilding and encouraging. Where appropriate, include positive comments from the elders about the pioneers’ impact on the territory and on the spirit of the congregation. Allow the pioneers to comment freely on the questions posed, and help them to make personal application where appropriate. Auxiliary pioneers are to be present for the first 30 minutes]

### **WHY “KEEP ON HOLDING FAST WHAT YOU HAVE”? (2 min.)**

Pioneers have a large share in the accelerated Kingdom-preaching increase (Mt 24:14)

This makes them a special target of Jehovah’s chief Adversary, Satan the Devil (1Pe 5:8)

His wrath increases as the good news continues to spread and his time gets shorter (Re 12:12, 17)

The Devil’s objective is to break our integrity and our loyalty

The words of Jesus directed to the congregation of anointed ones also encourage all Christians during these critical last days (2Ti 3:1; Re 3:11)

To remain productive and joyful, each pioneer should make an honest self-examination to make sure he is ‘holding fast what he has’ (2Co 13:5)

### **HOLD ON TO INTEGRITY (14 min.)**

**Question:** How would you define integrity?

The Hebrew word for integrity refers to that which is “complete” or “whole” and most often describes moral soundness or blamelessness

It is also used regarding animal sacrifices that were free from defects (*w08 12/15 3-7; it-1 1209*)

Satan claims no human will stand up for God’s sovereignty unless it is for selfish reasons (Job 2:4)

Each day he challenges our integrity with the goal of keeping us from being “complete,” “whole” in our devotion (Ro 7:15-20; 2Ti 3:1-5; 1Jo 5:19; *w08 12/15 3 pars. 1-2; w08 12/15 8 par. 5*)

Holding on to integrity involves taking a firm stand for Jehovah’s sovereignty in *every* aspect of our life (Mr 12:29, 30; *it-1 1210*)

Challenges to keeping integrity include inappropriate use of the Internet, unwholesome entertainment, spending too much time in recreation, and selfish tendencies (Isa 5:20; Col 3:5; 1Jo 2:15-17)

Job understood that what he chose to do could affect his integrity (Job 27:5)

Jehovah does not expect perfection or ask more than what we can do, but he does expect us to keep integrity (*w08 12/15 4 pars. 6-8*)

Holding on to integrity requires us to follow in Jesus footsteps (1Pe 2:21)

**Questions:** How did Jesus regard his ministry? (Mr 1:38; Lu 4:43; Joh 4:34; 18:37) How can pioneers imitate his view of the ministry?

Hold on to integrity by being whole-souled, remaining morally and spiritually unblemished (Col 3:23; *w10 7/15 9-10*)

Integrity requires uncompromising loyalty to God at all times

## **HOLD ON TO LOYALTY** (14 min.)

**Question:** How would you define loyalty?

Loyalty goes beyond faithfulness (*w01* 10/1 20; *w65* 7/1 412)

It emphasizes tenacity and continuance of heartfelt devotion that acts as a powerful adhesive

Jehovah is loyal in the absolute sense. It is part of his personality (Ps 145:17; Re 15:4)

**Question:** How has Jehovah demonstrated his loyalty to mankind? [He is loyal to his covenants, his promises, his timetable, and his servants (*it-2* 280; *w96* 3/15 11 par. 8; *w81* 12/1 9; Ge 3:15; De 7:9; 2Ki 13:23; Hab 2:3; Joh 3:16; 2Co 1:20)]

Jehovah requires loyalty from his servants. It should be part of our personality (Eph 4:24; 5:1)

Loyalty to God is shown by sticking to him and his organization both when it is easy and when it is difficult, “through thick and thin”

**Question:** How can a pioneer develop loyalty? [Loyalty stems from having a strong personal relationship with Jehovah. Meaningful prayer and diligent personal study are essential if we are to enjoy such a relationship]

[Express appreciation to the auxiliary pioneers for their attendance at the first half of the meeting and for their efforts in the field. Mention that the second half of the meeting will be conducted with only the regular pioneers present]

## **PIONEERS ARE AN ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ALL TO ‘KEEP ON HOLDING FAST WHAT THEY HAVE’** (20 min.)

By keeping integrity and demonstrating loyalty, pioneers make a fine contribution to the spirit of the congregation and to the expansion of the work locally

**Questions:** How can a pioneer’s sacrifice of praise be “sound,” “whole”? [Work with a purpose. Do not get caught in the rut of going out merely to “count time,” but make time *count*. Do not waste or squander efforts, energy, or resources. Endeavor to be industrious in your ministry.] How does being whole-souled make a pioneer more effective in the evangelizing work? [People can sense this and may respond favorably to the good news]

**Questions:** Why is keeping integrity a privilege? (Pr 27:11) How does a pioneer’s example of integrity influence the congregation? [The congregation is encouraged to put confidence in God’s promise that he will provide for those who put him first (Pr 3:5, 6; Mt 6:33)]

**Questions:** What does loyalty to Jehovah’s organization require of a pioneer? [Not undermining theocratic arrangements, but working with theocratic direction in advancing Kingdom interests. Promoting peace and unity among fellow pioneers and publishers. (Ro 12:10; Jas 1:26; 1Pe 3:8-10)] What is the value of meeting the test of loyalty? [We take Jehovah God’s side of the issue and prove Satan the Devil to be a base, gross liar! We gain Jehovah’s approval]

Psalm 37:28 assures us that Jehovah “will not leave his loyal ones” (2Sa 22:26)

**Question:** How does a pioneer’s display of loyalty influence the congregation? [It helps to produce unity in the congregation, which makes for peace and good order (Ps 133:1; 1Co 14:33, 40)]

## **LOCAL NEEDS** (5 min.)

### **DO NOT “LOSE YOUR GRIP”** (5 min.)

Integrity and loyalty are essential to have a relationship with God (1Ch 28:9; Ps 7:8, 9; 41:12)

A pioneer’s priorities in life should reflect Jehovah’s priorities (Mt 24:14; Ro 10:13, 14)

Looking at things from Jehovah’s standpoint will help a pioneer to ‘hold fast what he has’

Never allow what you are holding on to to slip from your grip (Php 2:16)

Prove Satan a liar by holding fast to your integrity and loyalty (Pr 27:11)

Continue building yourself up through study and the adept use of God's Word (Php 3:16; 2Ti 2:15; 2Pe 3:18)

Study Bible examples of integrity and loyalty

Regularly and earnestly pray for holy spirit

Be prepared for and participate in Christian meetings

Hold fast to your pioneer ministry, because it is precious

As you do, you can be assured that you are of 'the sort that has faith to the preserving alive of the soul' (Heb 10:39)

May Jehovah God preserve you forever!