

PUBLISHER'S PREFACE



A publisher has an obligation to present a forum on ideas and trends, to allow a presentation of current thought even when it contains "points of tension." Having spent over 40 years in the charismatic movement, I have seen many new trends, ideas and revelations—with the expected accompanying claims—come and go. The tendency to place emphasis on some tangent aspect of Scripture is always with us, it seems.

Currently the words *submission*, *discipleship*, *relationships* and *covering* are prominent. Sadly, even though these are good words, in some areas they are causing schisms and misunderstandings. Questions such as "To whom are you submitted?" are being used as a test of fellowship.

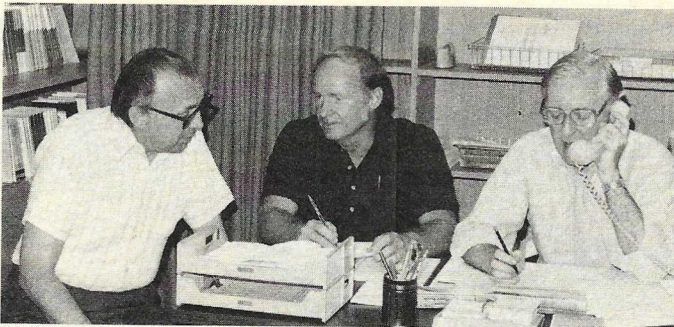
These times are similar to the days when the Apostle Paul wrote the churches in Galatia saying, "I marvel that ye are so soon moved from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another Gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of Christ."

A publisher has the edge on most people because he sees the volume of manuscripts which reflect the divergent thinking of people all over the world. Much of the teaching on discipleship seems solid. But there are problems. Should the "shepherds" submit to shepherds outside their locality? Are the discipleship groups actually "churches?" Should the shepherds receive tithes from the "sheep"—or as one shepherd puts it, "I handle the wool?" And finally, how do sheep ever get to be shepherds?

Reports are pouring in that people are being "disfellowshipped" because they do not submit to some elder who in turn submits to another elder hundreds of miles away. It makes me wonder whether even the Apostle Paul would be accepted today in some groups. After all, he wrote: "But I certify you, brethren, that the Gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which

were apostles before me: but I went into Arabia, and returned again into Damascus..."

Relationships, discipling, submission—all these terms are on the lips of many people. *Logos Journal* has the prophetic commission to bring the Word of God to bear on current events. Therefore in this issue we have asked some of the best qualified persons in the nation—representing several facets—to share some light on these intriguing subjects.



Publisher Dan Malachuk, Jamie Buckingham and Bob Slosser.

Jamie Buckingham is no stranger to the readers of *Logos Journal*. Following the death of Al West it was natural for the board of Logos International Fellowship to ask Jamie to take over as Executive Editor for the *Journal*. This places a tremendous load on his shoulders, for not only is he one of America's best known writers, he continues as pastor of a rapidly growing congregation of Spirit-baptized people in Melbourne, Florida. He is uniquely qualified for this job having served on the staff of *Guideposts* magazine as well as having been with Logos from its first wobbly beginnings.

Early this fall America's first Christian newspaper, the *National Courier*, will hit the newsstands. Bob Slosser, one of the nation's foremost newsmen is sitting in the editor's chair. A Spirit-filled Episcopalian, Bob left the Washington bureau of the *New York Times* to join the Logos family. He has put together an experienced staff of qualified newsmen and women and has enlisted the help of "stringers" from all over the world to feed stories to our new headquarters in Plainfield, N.J.—bringing the mind of Christ to bear on the news of the world.

As publisher, it's good to be part of a team that includes men of this caliber.

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