

Principles of a “Hot Home Fellowship”

Dr. Wierwille Shares His Heart with Home Fellowship Coordinators.

(adapted 2013)

In the winter of 1983 while en route to Emporia, Kansas, Dr. Wierwille stopped in Indianapolis, Indiana. The first Home Fellowship in that city had been held in 1968. In 1983 sixty-two men and women, most of whom were Home Fellowship coordinators, crowded into a living room to talk with Dr. Wierwille about how to more effectively run their Home Fellowships. The heart of Dr. Wierwille’s instruction to these Home Fellowship coordinators is summarized here.

1. Think your meeting through beforehand from start to finish.
2. Make the meeting room aesthetically pleasing. Make sure it smells fresh and clean; and set the thermostat on the cool side so it won’t be too hot when the room is filled with people.
3. Teach something you can handle. Use the Biblical research materials available to you, such as the *Studies in Abundant Living* series. Use ministry music to enhance teaching topics. Pick out chapters of ministry works which everyone can study and go over together at the next meeting.
4. One meeting a week which is hot and alive is better than three lukewarm fellowships. High school kids can meet every day, but adults with children cannot do this. Know what you are capable of handling.
5. Think in terms of getting together with your people in settings other than a fellowship meeting.
6. Keep meetings short and sweet. People have to go to work in the morning.
7. The Home Fellowship is so wonderful; it’s easy to stay only with each other. But keep reaching out to talk with other people you know about God’s Word. Allow them to see your life and include them in what you’re doing.
8. Remember, your Home Fellowship is the newcomer’s first exposure to the Ministry of Reconciliation and the Mystery. You must have compassion for all who come—believer and unbeliever.
9. Forget the “cult” issue. If you don’t bring it up, neither will anyone else. Just promote the Word of God.
10. Don’t witness in order to “get a class together.” Our only motivation is to help people with God’s Word.
11. For many of you, who also ran Home Fellowships in 1970, don’t be afraid to change. You’re different now, with children of your own, and you need to adapt meetings to your life now.
12. Get out into your community. Remember where *you* were when someone spoke to you.

13. You have the same responsibilities as ministers. You're involved in people's lives in many different situations, even if you have only five people in your Home Fellowship. Those five are worth everything in the world.

14. You are *the* man or woman in your neighborhood. God can work in you to believe for the community's prosperity, employment, safety and honesty. *You* are the *healing center* of your community.

Dr. Wierwille talked briefly about the Home Fellowship coordinator's walk with God. "All I really know about staying hot on the Word," he said, "is this: speak in tongues when you first wake up. Then read what blesses you in the Word of God for fifteen to twenty minutes. Go over your lift list and picture the people in your Home Fellowship. Keep your lift list current with the prayers you want answered now.

"Go to work being positive, energetic and enthusiastic. Work hard and honestly. Don't forget your immediate family. Get them together before bedtime for family fellowship and prayer.

"Finally, share abundantly with the ministry and fellowship with like-minded believers. Do all of these things and you'll stay hot with God."

