

Pioneer (Dovetail this after “The Bringers”)

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Pioneer: In the art and practice of war, one whose business is to march with or before an army, to repair the road or clear its obstructions, work at entrenchments, or form mines for destroying an enemy's works (Webster's 1828)

A person who is among those who first enter or settle a region, thus opening it for occupation and new development for another government

One who is the first or among the earliest in any field of inquiry, enterprise, or progress

One of a group of foot soldiers who go before to open or prepare the way

To take part in the beginnings of

Leader, trailblazer, forerunner, pathfinder, a reformer

Like Abraham, Moses, Elijah, (Jesus – duh), Disciples like Paul, Early Church Fathers like Augustine, Ambrose, Origin, Jerome, Desert Fathers like Athanasius, Anthony, Macarius, Saints, Martyrs, Mystics like Guyon, Fenelon, Molinos, Teresa of Avila, Reformers – Wycliffe, Hus, Luther, Calvin, Knox, - Wesley brothers, Moody, Andrew Murray, Watchman Nee, Paul Billheimer, New Reformers DeVern Fromke, Dennis Peacocke, Dutch Sheets, BJ, NW, so many others...

1. **A Pioneer spirit Sees (the city)** – they are visionaries, they don't stop and focus on, “look how things are” but “look how things could be.” Pioneers embrace yet-unrealized God dreams, they are results driven and don't settle prematurely because the pasture is green, they press onward to His goal with His objective in view that few others perceive.

The visionary element of the pioneer spirit is grounded in truth (the truth of what God says) before “reality” (what he sees in the natural). When Abraham packed

and obeyed Father's voice, he had no idea where He was going, but He obeyed God and that was credited to him as righteousness. Unbelief or faithlessness was equated as "disobedience or unrighteousness." – **Hebrews 11:8-10** ***"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was 'looking for the city which has its foundations, whose architect and builder is God."***

Historically, the reformers were visionary pioneers. **How can the Pioneer spirit be renewed in us today? ASK, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ex. 36:26 – A heart that loves the Lord our God with all our heart and that begins to open vision to see what He sees.**

1. A Pioneer spirit believes that if God said it, "Surely we can do it," like Caleb
2. A Pioneer spirit "has a different spirit" that follows God with their whole heart – Caleb – didn't have unbelief or the "grasshopper spirit" – he wouldn't agree with the adversary! Fear accompanies every change but our response to that fear is the difference between pioneers and the security-conscious faint of heart is trust. Pioneers trust their Father and face their fears head-on in Him; they choose not to shrink back even if they're shaking in their boots in the beginning. The faint hearted say, This might not be safe, you might not make it, but pioneers say, "but what if we do and by the way, Father said we would so if God is for us, who can be against us. Regardless how it seems sometimes. It's where we live in saying, "Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy." And He does!
3. A Pioneer is Resourceful – They see obstacles as opportunities to hear from God how to overcome in it. Obstacles are only challenges to them like how to cross the desert on a camel so how to fashion a saddle for a camel's hump, and constructing rafts to cross rivers, etc. They are innovative and going where no man has gone before, they're bored sitting on their comfy couch because they are not just church attenders, they are disciples.
4. A Pioneer has Crazy Courage even if they started in fear...like Gideon

5. A Pioneer BELIEVES without seeing where they're going because they heard His voice and can TRUST Him. (Abraham)
6. A Pioneer spirit is Sacrificial – (Phil 2 – He left heaven & Father and emptied himself out of voluntary humility-7 steps down, 7 steps up) Sacrifice is an element of grace, because He told us if we hold onto our lives, we lose them, but if we lose our lives for His sake, we find them.
7. A Pioneer has to lived in deep communion with the Holy Spirit because He is their ultimate guide..."no good ideas on this narrow road only following His voice otherwise we end up in Doubting Castle, the Slough of Despond, the Giants Castle – all to allure us off the way to the Celestial City...
8. A Pioneer loves the Narrow road because it leads to the Promised Land and their passion is to help others find the way through the mountain passes into the fulfillment of their Father's Dream. (New Zion, New Eden, etc.)
9. A Pioneer is a watchman sounding the alarm warning those behind not to take the wide road that leads to destruction...because he's been listening to the voice of the spirit, lives in the roadmap (the Word) and trusts it above the voice of the travelers that say there is a short cut that's much easier. (Where were the travelers going first, "Vanity Fair"?)
10. A Pioneer is seriously tested - Abraham's faith was tested 25-35 years before the promise was seen; Moses – 40 years, Joseph 17+, David – was tested by circumstances that directly contradict God's Word over our lives. It was as if God was saying to David, "OK David, I've called you as a man after my own heart and anointed you to be king of Israel. That is your destiny. Will you be a king with my heart when the man currently in your position is attacking you, trying to kill you? Will you believe me when the Jews you are suppose to rule intend to turn you over to your enemy. Will you be that king when your army consists of a bunch of losers? Will you be that king when your place is a cave in the wilderness? And will you believe you will be that king when your closest friend disown you and threaten your life. If you can stand in the midst of these contradictions and still believe ME, then you be trusted to be that King when the appointed time comes and you'll lead like Me." David's actions proved that He believed God's promise over his circumstances and stood with God.

The test is always to see if WE will stand the test of "not seeing and in fact, seeing just the opposite come about and still, without wavering in unbelief, believe in spite of sight, the Father's Word.

11. Being a Pioneer is rewarding – Abraham received his promise of a son when all hope was gone in Himself and became the father of millions upon millions to this day, Moses led his people out of the land of slavery after he was trained for 40 years on the back side of the desert, ready to start his ministry at 80, and then, he couldn't even talk well and needed a spokesman. Gideon, so fearful, the weakest and smallest of all the tribes, obeyed God, rose up and in the face of enemy forces pulled down the strongest demonic spirit in his nation. The disciples from that day to now... get the prize – the joy of partnering together with the Holy Spirit to begin to build a Kingdom Culture that represents Father's Covenantal way accurately, taking back every sphere, jurisdiction, cultural mountain in society. I see a City, a garden-like civilization that through the Holy Spirit, Father's Dream to "seek and save that which was lost" and to "destroy the works of the devil" by displacing this world's system with the gospel of His Kingdom coming ON EARTH through us, just like it is in heaven.

"It's not too difficult or beyond your reach, no, the Word is in your mouth so that you can obey it." Deut. 30

"The Spirit and the Bride say, Come..." Rev.