

FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

FGBMFI School of the Vision

Mentor Course

STUDY GUIDE: Happiest People on Earth

This is the 1st book of the Mentor Course. You will receive a new study guide for the books we will be reviewing each class. Any graduate of the 12-class Intensified Vision course is eligible to join the Mentor Course for certification as a FGBMFI Trainer of the books of Demos Shakarian. (2 Timothy 2:2)

1. The Message from Over The Mountain

- Does God still speak to His people as in the past? How?
By Prophetic Revelation

Christ as King of the Kingdom of God will govern
His people by the Holy Spirit and prophetic revelation.

2. Union Pacific Avenue

- Demos, will you ever doubt My power?

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is important for His people to be able to hear and respond to the will of God. Every member of FGBMFI needs to receive this gift.

3. Time Bomb

- Why did Demos Shakarian almost go bankrupt?
God did not call him to Speculative businesses

4. The Man Who Changed His Mind

- Dr. Charles Price appeared on the scene for the healing of Florence. He had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with Aimee Semple McPherson.
- He then changed his traditional message. Now, he called it the **Full Gospel**: there was no part of the New Testament that would be left out of his preaching.

5. Handhold in Heaven

- Dr Price prophesied the revelation of the coming layman movement. Demos, you're about to witness one of the major events foretold in the Bible. *"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh..." It will happen in your lifetime, Demos, and you'll play a part in it. This won't happen through professional preachers. All Flesh, that's what Isaiah tells us. (Isaiah 40:5)*

This is going to happen spontaneously- all over the world- to ordinary men and women-people in shops and offices and factories. I won't live long enough to see it, but. you will. And Demos, when you see it, you'll know that the time of Jesus' coming is very near.

After Carolyn died, Demos and Rose recommitted their lives to the Lord. *"Lord, I don't know how it is with Rose, but I know I've never really put you first in my life. Oh, some tent meetings. Some of my time. Some of my money. But you know and I know that my family has been first in my heart. Lord, I want you to be first."* Rose squeezed his hand in agreement.

6. Hollywood Bowl

- On the way home, Demos understood that an idea had been born, a pattern shown. He commented to Rose: "Just think how many more businessmen there are in the world than preachers. If businessmen should ever start to spread the gospel...."
- In the Hollywood Bowl meeting, Demos received the revelation of God's calling on his life. HELPER. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

7. The Testing Time

- In Fresno, Demos explained his calling to pastors as a HELPER. "Friends, I believe God has a special ability we're to use for His Kingdom. *I believe that if we find it-and use it- we'll be the Happiest People on Earth!*"
- Demos' milling business was failing because price controls had been taken off by the government. What Demos had committed to in future shipments had to be paid for with higher prices.
- Demos complained to the Lord saying "Why didn't you tell me?"
- God replied: "I did tell you. It's not for you, Demos. Speculative businesses are a full-time job and I will never give you full time for any business.
- When Demos repented, and asked God to rescue him, the Lord brought a buyer to the Shakarian's that saved them from bankruptcy.
- **Here was the revelation: If the attack came from satan, God saw to it that no genuine damage was done.** And Demos looked forward to the next project that God had for him because the training of this lesson had been so rigorous.

8. Clifton's Cafeteria

- "Ordinary men and women. People in shops, offices and factories. You will witness one of the major events foretold in the Bible. Just before Jesus returns to earth, God's Spirit is going to descend on all flesh." (Acts 2)
- What an irresistible force it could be if hundreds, thousands of such men were to band together to spread this kind of Good News all over the world...! (Demos remembered Dr. Price's words)
- Demos explained it to Oral Roberts

- A. **Full Gospel** - No subject would have to be avoided at our meetings. Healings, Tongues, Deliverance, whatever a man's experience, he could talk about it just as it happened.
- B. **Business Men**- Laymen. Ordinary people.
- C. **Fellowship**- That's what it should feel like. A bunch of people who love to get together- not a rules and committees, meeting come to order kind of thing.
- D. **International**- "I know that sounds ridiculous," The whole world, All Flesh.
- Oral Roberts was the first speaker and said, "Lord Jesus, let this Fellowship grow in your strength alone. Send it marching in Your power across the nation. We give You thanks right now, Lord Jesus, that we see a little group of people in a cafeteria, but that You see a thousand chapters."
 - Demos stressed two things:
 - Stay in your own church. If your church knows the power of the Spirit, go back determined to serve Him harder than ever. If not, go back a missionary.
 - Don't leave one penny in the offering basket that belongs somewhere else. FGBMFI is not where your tithe is due; your tithe belongs to your home church. Anything you give at this meeting must be above and beyond this.
 - David duPlessis of the World Pentecostal Conference said: "Demos, You're really on to something here. What a dream! A worldwide fellowship of ordinary businessmen filled with the Holy Spirit! Each man a missionary to the people he works with every day!"

- **The Vision**

- A. Just like when Demos was 13 years old. When he walked into the living room, he felt the presence of the Lord pressing him to the carpet. God repeated what He has told Demos 27 years ago:
- B. Demos, will you ever doubt My power?
- C. Lord Jesus forgive me.

I am the One, Demos, who alone can open doors. I am the One who removes the beam from unseeing eyes. And now I will let you see indeed.

Rose began to play the organ.

The ceiling disappeared. I was staring up into the sky, I saw a daytime sky, though outside it was pitch black. Then she stopped. She began to pray in tongues. The interpretation came saying: **"My son, I knew you before you were born. I have guided you every step of the way. Now I am going to show you the purpose of your life.**

It was the Spirit's gifts of **tongues and interpretation, given together**. As she spoke, though I was on my knees, I felt as though my body was lifting. Moving up, away from the living room. Down below me I could see the rooftops of Downy California. There were the San Bernardino Mountains and over there, the coast of the Pacific Ocean. Then, I could see the entire country from the west to the east.

But though I could see so far, I could also see people on the earth- millions and millions of them standing shoulder to shoulder. Then, just just as a camera can zoom in at a football game to show first the stadium, then the players, then the very laces on the football, my vision seemed to move in on these millions of men. I could see tiny details of thousands and thousands of faces.

And what I saw terrified me. The faces were set, lifeless, miserable. Though the people stood so close together, shoulders touching, there was no real contact between them. They stared straight ahead, unblinking, unseeing. With a shudder of horror, I realized that they were dead... (Who were these men? Who did they represent?)

Then the vision changed. Whether the world was turning, or whether I was traveling around it, I didn't know. But now beneath me was the continent of South America. Then on to Africa, Europe, Asia. Once more the startling close ups occurred, and everywhere it was the same. Brown faces, black faces, white faces-every one rigid, watched, each locked in his own private death.

"Lord!" "What's the matter with them?! Lord, help them!"

Then, Rose began to speak. Humanly speaking, of course, she had no way of knowing that I was seeing anything at all. But what she said was:

"My son, what you see next is going to happen very soon."

The earth was turning- or I was moving around it- a second time. Below me again were millions upon millions of men. But what a difference!

This time, heads were raised. Eyes shone with joy. Hands were lifted towards heaven. These men who had been so isolated, each in his prison of self, were linked in a community of love and adoration. Asia, Africa, America- everywhere death had turned to life.

"Oh, Demos, don't you see, He's showing us that the Fellowship is to go on!"

"Do you remember, Demos? It was in this room, nearly 8 years ago that we knelt down and put Him 1st..."

When we finished telling Tommy Hicks the vision, it was time to go downtown to Clifton's. When we got there, there were two men already there waiting on us.

One was Miner Arganbright, the other was Thomas Nickel.

Miner said: "I have something for you Demos, and he gave me a check for \$1000. Pay to the order of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International.

Demos, I waked up early this morning and I heard a voice. It was God- I know it was God. He said, "This work is to go around the world and your to donate the first money."

The other fellow stepped up and said: "The Holy Spirit told me, get in your car and drive to Los Angeles for the Saturday morning meeting of that group you've attended once. This Fellowship must go around the world but it's never going to get started without a voice. And here I am to offer you my press and my services.

He left at midnight and drove 400 miles to Clifton's.

Arganbright and Thomas Nickel were examples of how God was going to change the body of Christ from being unusable to being useful to God in the End-time harvest

It was Rose who named the publication: "Full Gospel Business Men's Voice"

9. Foot on the Table

It seemed that God was telling us "I do not want a big, centralized organization. Of course, come together on occasion to inspire and encourage each other, to light a fire bright enough for many to see. But for your day in, year out work, I want you small, local, sensitive to Me. I do not want uniformity. I will never come to two men or two places in just the same way.

Give Me outlets for My infinite variety."

In Minneapolis Demos went to a chapter meeting in a snow storm. In the basement, God found a maintenance man and baptized him in conviction so he would get saved. The revelation that Demos received was: "Don't worry about numbers. I'll find the people I want, wherever they are, and I'll bring them to you. Do your part faithfully and leave the rest to Me.

Later, in the National Convention in 1956, the first breakdown of the barrier between Pentecostals and mainline denominational churches began. In 1967, 7 students of Notre Dame University received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gift of tongues at our chapter in South Bend, Indiana. Today, in 2022 there are about 200 million Catholic Charismatics around the world!

In Houston, Demos was reminded that it is the Holy Spirit that is the One to draw men to Jesus. And it is only the Spirit's gifts which He will use for this task.

The original dream that God had given Demos was that **every man or woman can show God alive in the world a man or woman knows-** that's what the Fellowship is all about.

A car salesman talking about Jesus to other auto dealers.

An attorney telling other lawyers

A dairyman talking to other cattle farmers.

It comes so naturally that way, starting with a common language, a common interest.

Demos describes his buying of a bull at the Pabst farm in Wisconsin. The Holy Spirit illuminated the one to buy just as He indicated who should share their testimony in an FGBMFI meeting.

Demos revealed to Mr. Sylvester of the Pabst Farm who his advisor was. "God knows what's inside of every animal." **Showing God alive in the world a man or woman knows-**

10. The World Begins to Turn

The 1st Airlift was to Haiti.

No place on earth was exempt from the vision. Politics did not enter into the vision either. The harder things are, the more that people need to rely on the Spirit.

Voodoo priests tried to interrupt the meeting in the stadium. But God healed a boy that had been born blind and hundreds gave their heart to Jesus.

When the President Duvalier asked for rain for his country, the last meeting was rained out because God heard the prayers of the FGBMFI delegation of businessmen

11. The Golden Chain

- What is the Fellowship? (1975)
 1. Years in existence 24
 2. Numbers of states having chapters 50
 3. Numbers of countries having chapters 52
 4. Total number of chapters 1,650
 5. Average number of attendance at all chapters 500,000
 6. Rate of Growth One new chapter daily
- Monthly circulation of Voice magazine 800,000
- TV stations carrying Good News Program 19
- Weekly viewing audience 4 million
- Airlifts 3 per year

Ministries:

- Healing
 - God healed a bent over Jew in Jerusalem
 - Any member of the body of Christ can perform miracles when called upon.
 - When that call comes, the key seems to be obedience.
 - God used Rose Shakarian to heal Vivian Fuller. Demos and Rose believed people were healed because of Rose's obedience to the Holy Spirit's revelation of God's will.
- Television
 - 13/3
- Jet travel
- Fidel Castro - Cuba
- Travel for God
 - GO!
 - Tell the Good News
 - Russia: Demos thanked them for bringing the unspeakable gift from God!
 - Churches were restored to fellowship with each other
 - Races coming together
 - Professional working ladies
 - Shannon Vandruff/ Dr. Ray Charles Jarman/Florence
 - Dr. Jarman cried when Florence sang
 - He committed his life to Jesus

- Hundreds of thousands of men came to Jesus because of His conversion

Demos' father passed away.

For years, Issac had told Demos: "You go Demos, I'll take care of the business."

Isn't that what God tells each one of us? "You go, Jim. John. Bill. Mary. I thought of the second message the Boy Prophet received so long ago. Still sealed and unopened. Does it foretell a great persecution coming to America, just before the Lord returns? Demos thought so. He thought the Spirit was being given to us in preparation for this time: to bind us into a Body, to assign to each one of us the task he alone can do for the welfare of that Body.

The important thing is the He tells each of us to go. Go with whatever gift He has given- knowing that when we find that gift and use it, no matter what the condition of the world around us, we will be the Happiest People on Earth.

The responsibility of FGBMFI is to prepare its members to Serve the Lord with POWER!