

PURPOSE OF GUIDELINES SOH - Lesson 7

I. Guidelines Defined: (Thorndike Dictionary)

A. guide

1. **to show the way**; lead; direct.
2. person or thing that shows the way, leads or directs.
3. part of a machine for directing or regulating motion or action.

B. line

1. an **edge** or boundary.
2. **course** or **track** or direction.
3. a **certain** way of doing things (**in line** means in **alignment** or in **agreement**).

C. guidelines

1. (Thorndike Dictionary) - **policies** for **determining** a **present** and **future** course of action.
2. (New International Dictionary) - **guidelines**- any indication of the **limits** or **scope** of an **undertaking**.

II. Purpose:

Hab. 2:1-3, I Cor. 14:40, I Cor 1:10
"Ministry Of Helps Handbook", Page 110 Last paragraph.

"Knowledge eliminates **fear**. If anyone has **fear**, it is usually because of the **unknown**. Giving your people knowledge will eliminate many fears of "what if, what if?"

- A. Guidelines help us stay **focused**.
- B. Guidelines determine a **method** (orderly and systematic **arrangement**).
- C. Organized **direction** eliminates **assumptions** and **confusion**.
- D. Guidelines help to set **priorities**.
- E. Guidelines give **direction** to a ministry.
- F. Guidelines create **unity**.
- G. Guidelines stop **strife**.
- H. Guidelines produce **peace**.
- I. Guidelines **reveal** what we want to **accomplish**.
- J. Guidelines keep **continuity** (connection uninterrupted).
- K. There can be no **success** without guidance.

III. Conclusion:

- A. Guidelines are like the **specifications** to a blueprint.
 1. what? - **material**.
 2. how? - **by what means**.
 3. when? - **order of events**.
- B. Guidelines are a **must** for any endeavor.
- C. Guidelines can be **modified**, but the **purpose** must not change.