

## **True North Strong and Free**

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### **Canada's Spiritual Heritage**

#### **Acts 17:26,27**

And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

#### **Peace Tower**

##### **Psa. 72:1 KJV**

Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

##### **Prov. 29:18 KJV**

Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

##### **Ps 72:8 KJV**

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

### **1. The Inuksuk**

#### **A. Primarily for communication**

Don't settle for a job – have a vocation  
Voce – voice - message

#### **B. Pioneers Possess a Different Spirit**

##### **Hebrews 11:8-10**

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

A settler church sees itself;

- primarily as a fortress where believers retreat to escape pains and disappointments of daily living
- as an exclusive club created for satisfaction of believer's social need
- as a shelter from societies evils
- a cloister to foster deep and private spirituality

**Stat: 1988 David B. Barrett:**

Christians made up 33% of world's population, earned 62% of world's total earning and spent 97% on themselves, 1% secular charities and 2% to church based ministry.

A settler church focuses on its members

A pioneer church focuses on its mission

A settler church sees the pastor as one to visit members to make sure they feel good about the church.

A pioneer church sees the pastor as an equipper and motivator to fit them to do the works of Jesus

During the reign of Oliver Cromwell, there was a shortage of currency in the British Empire. Representatives carefully searched the nation in hopes of finding silver to meet the emergency. After one month, the committee returned with its report. "We have searched the Empire in vain seeking to find silver," they said. "To our dismay, we found none anywhere except in the cathedrals where the statues of the saints are made of the finest silver." To this, Cromwell replied, "Then let us melt down the saints and put them into circulation."

**C. Pioneers Are Risk Taker**

Pioneers are willing to face new enemies because of the vision they have inside of them. There are always new bears, cougars, and snakes in the areas that they are going.

Every pioneer must battle the nagging sense of inadequacy.

Do I have what it takes?

If all you ever do is follow the crowd, you will only ever go where the crowd has been.

#### **D. Pioneers Are Visionaries And People With Faith For The Next Generation.**

##### **Heb. 11:6**

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

##### **Proverbs 29:18 KJV**

Where *there is* no vision, the people perish:

Pioneers are people with prophetic foresight that enlarge the vision of their followers. Pioneers possess an inner energy of hope that helps them create the future that they want. Pioneers become high achievers. They have the ability to turn the times of crisis into times of opportunities. Pioneers are strong people that keep pressing on towards the goal by stirring up the inner strength (God) inside of them.

#### **E. Be Rock Solid**

##### **Matthew 16:17,18 NKJV**

<sup>17</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

## **2. The Beaver**

### **A. Never Let Their Size Limit Their Influence**

Russia Bear

USA Eagle

Ethiopia Lion

India Tiger

Canada Rodent

Australia has a Kangaroo and an Emu, because they cannot go backwards.

Little is Big when God is in it.

Mustard seed.

Five loaves 2 small fishes

They can change the flow of entire rivers, creating or destroying fertile ground.

They are nature's landscape engineers.

### **Zech. 4:10 NLT**

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin,

### **B. The Beaver is a Worker**

Jesus said harvest is great labourers are few.

### **Luke 10:2 NKJV**

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

### **2 Timothy 2:15 NKJV**

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

### **1 Corinthians 16:15 KJV**

I beseech you, brethren, ye know the house of Stephanas,... *that* they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints

### **C. The Beaver Builds the House**

#### **1 Cor 3:10 NKJV**

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

### **D. Beavers Finish What They Start**

Teeth never stop growing – idleness kills them

Did you know that beavers secrete a goo from castor sacs located under their tails. They use this to mark their territory. It is a molasses like goo that smells like vanilla. In fact it is used as a vanilla substitute in cigarettes and foods.

### **3. The Maple Leaf**

**Have a Global Vision**

**Rev. 22:2 NKJV**

In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The **leaves** of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

### **5 Things Every Canadian Christian Needs**

- 1. A Devoted Heart**
- 2. A Life Giving Church**
- 3. A Worn Bible**
- 4. A Passport**
- 5. An Open Wallet**