

PRESSING ON

OBJECTIVES FOR 2014

“From [Christ] the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. “

~ Ephesians 4:16

1. Effectual Growth

- a. Crowds follow hype and excitement, these crowds fade quickly.
- b. Saints need edified so that God’s word can work in souls saved – 1 Tim 2:4
- c. We speak the truth in order to grow up into Christ – Eph 4:15
- d. Which is why we meet = “fitly joined together and compacted” – Eph 4:16
- e. Growth depends on the effectual working of every joint - Eph 4:16
- f. How do you know if your work is effectual? – 2Th 2:13, 2Tim 2:15, Phm 6

2. Your Measure of Growth

- a. When a body grows it grows everywhere at once, not just at the top.
- b. Every part has a measure of responsibility - not all are the same – 1 Cor 12:16
- c. We need to examine and prove ourselves - 2 Cor 13:5
- d. You have a duty to do your part – we all need what only you can provide in Christ.
- e. You know your weaknesses, strengths, experience, comfort, wisdom.
- f. When many people press on, it’s hard to see your part. You matter! 1Cor 15:58

3. Number Your Days

- a. We need to number our days - Psa 90:12 - Why? Because they are few. Psa 90:10
- b. Because it takes time to do things right – 2 Tim 2:2
- c. Because you must start early to get things done – Eph 5:16
- d. Because without a deadline, work does not get done – 1 Cor 9:24
- e. What you see here were stated goals in past lessons like this.
 - i. What you don’t see are the failures – forget those things – Phil 3:13
- f. You should not be where you are at next year, increase should happen – Eph 4:16

4. Objectives

- a. Our mission - Eph 3:9– “make all men see the mystery of Christ” in Indiana
- b. Our goal internally: to find faithful men who will perform our mission – 2 Tim 2:2
- c. Our personal proof: am I working effectually to produce faithfulness? Press on.
 - i. Time and pressure has an impact – we need to keep pressing.
- d. The tools of soul work do not cost a lot of money, but time ... - Eph 5:16