

PRESSING ON

OBJECTIVES FOR 2015

*"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me,
in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."*

~ 2 Timothy 1:13

1. Job Review

- a. It is important to mark where you are at, so you can judge how far you've come.
- b. 10 Years ago I made some goals, and by God's grace, you are its fulfillment.
- c. How do you go places – get your direction right, then keep moving.

2. Have you found your church, yet?

- a. We need to press on, hold fast, and keep that good thing – 2 Tim 1:12-14
- b. The only membership you have is in Christ, but there is a time when you stop hunting
- c. You can have the church of choice; your choice ought to be based on sound doctrine
- d. We're talking about being persuaded, and being on board for 40-50 years and beyond
- e. Faithfulness is the virtue we are looking for – 2 Tim 2:1-2; 1 Cor 4:1-2

3. Did you break a sweat for the Lord?

- a. Doing the work will be hard (the hard part is faithfulness) - 2 Tim 2:3-4
- b. You are a soldier of Jesus Christ, not a passenger, not a consumer.
- c. We don't beat the air, if we strive/solder/endure we must do it right – 2 Tim 2:4-5
- d. A church that prepares you for the master's use is important – 2 Tim 2:20-21
- e. Your mission is to make all men see. Your tool is the word of God. Your battlefield is the minds and hearts of men. Our warfare is for souls. How are we doing?

4. Did you rest in the Lord?

- a. Sometimes workmen need encouraged / strengthened to remain faithful.
- b. There is a peace that only comes after resting. Rest in the Lord, not in men/in flesh.
- c. If all we do is labour we get drained. You need recharged – 2 Tim 2:6-7
- d. When you get tired of pressing on, you need to partake of the fruit – Phil 4:4-7
- e. The fruit is of the Spirit, not of the flesh – Gal 5:22-25, Col 3:2

5. Where do we hope to go?

- a. Remember our hope of glory in the Lord – 2 Tim 2:8-12
- b. The prize is the higher calling of God - Phil 3:12-14
- c. We are not perfect, and we won't be by next year either, but we press on – Col 1:28
- d. The goal is to create faithful workmen – 2 Tim 2:2
- e. In a world where everything is epic, steady faithful continuance is not exciting
- f. Your life should be stabilized by a church you can believe in, with Christ as the head, and a Bible that is believed – 2 Tim 3:14-16
- g. We can't do it all from Swayzee, but we can do this one thing – Phil 3:13-14