

“Reaching Upward, Inward and Outward” David Owens
Colossians 1:9-14 1/13/19

Introduction:

A. Every once and a while, it is helpful for us to back up and go over the _____.

I. Reaching Upward

A. Our entire spiritual life is dependent on our relationship with _____.

B. Colossians 2:6-7

1. Note the important aspects of staying _____ to God.

C. John 15:1-11

1. When we _____ in Christ, we _____ in his love, we produce _____ and our _____ is made complete.

D. How can we abide in Christ?

1. Through spiritual practices like Bible _____, Bible _____, _____, _____ and _____.

II. Reaching Inward

A. Each of us have to live the Christian life as an _____, but that doesn't mean we go it _____.

B. When we become a Christian, God makes us a _____ of His _____.

C. The church isn't an _____, it is living _____.

D. Colossians 3:12-16

1. We see in those verses a lot of _____ commands.

E. John 13:34-35

1. When we are effectively loving each other in the church, truly being the _____ of God and the _____ of Christ, then the world will take notice.

F. It is very hard to be _____ with God's family if we are _____ God's family.

G. How to be reaching inward this year:

1. Be _____ and be _____ to each other.

2. Establish _____.

3. Find ways to use your _____ and _____ to bless.

III. Reaching Outward

A. How sad and selfish to view the church as some exclusive _____ that exists only to meet _____ needs.

B. Mark 16:15

1. The “Great Commission” often becomes the “Great _____.”

C. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

1. Our job is to _____ and _____; God's job is to make it _____.

D. Colossians 4:2-6

1. Reaching Outward begins with _____.

2. Reaching Outward continues with making the most out of every _____.

3. Reaching Outward includes being gracious in our _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. basics. I.A. God. I.B.1. connected. I.C.1. abide, remain, fruit, joy. I.D.1. reading, study, prayer, worship, service. II.A. individual, alone. II.B. member, family. II.C. organization, organism. II.D.1. one, another. II.E.1. family, body. II.F. connected, rarely, with. II.G.1. present, attentive. II.G.2. relationships. II.G.3. gifts, talents. III.A. club, our. III.B.1. Omission. III.C.1. plant, water, grow. III.D.1. prayer. III.D.2. opportunity. III.D.3. speech.