

PRESSING ON OBJECTIVES FOR 2016

*“While we look not at the things which are seen,
but at the things which are not seen:
for the things which are seen are temporal;
but the things which are not seen are eternal. “*

~ 2 Corinthians 4:18

1. Stop and Look

- a. We look at ourselves a lot, but do we look at the eternal? – 2 Cor 4:18
- b. Self examination/evaluation should be done from time to time – 2 Cor 13:5
- c. It's exam day! ...but you have already taken the test.

2. A Look at Ourselves

- a. Can you see the ministry you have in 2 Cor 4-6? Spiritual, inward, eternal, Christ in us
- b. We are told to redeem the time for the Lord (not ourselves) – Eph 5:15-17
- c. Walking in God's will is not a wish our heart makes – we need to take steps
- d. The difference between goals and dreams is that goals get accomplished

3. A Look Back

- a. Where have we come... what did we do... where are we now...how did we grow...
- b. We had 150+ meetings (51 Sundays, 52 Tuesdays, Seminar)
- c. We spent a lot of time on growing stronger, maturity, growth issues, did it work?
- d. Growth is not something I can perform in you – it is God's word active in your soul.
- e. We heard testimonies, we've seen children grow, 2 fairs, Bible studies, communions
- f. When you grow you must remind yourselves of the foundations: Gospel series, etc.
- g. Website: 260 more resources (now 1500+); AmbPubCo – for publishing material
- h. Now, forgetting those things which are behind reach forth - Phil 3:13

4. Looking Forward

- a. Where will we be... what needs improved... what steps do we take to get there
- b. Our direction has already been set by the Lord – 1Ti 2:4, 2Ti 2:2, 3:17
- c. How are we making all men see? – Eph 3:9
- d. John Wooden – we will be the same except the people we meet and books we read
- e. We need new souls saved (not just to sit here), the seminar, the radio, fairs, etc.
 - i. Evangelism seminar? More group evangelism opportunities?
- f. We need more faithful men who are able to teach/discern – age is not a prerequisite
 - i. Testimonies, 10am teaching series, training for message prep/study
- g. We need care for each member – pray about, listen, and get involved where you can.
- h. *Lessons coming up:* Trinity, God's attributes, Prayer, God's Providence/Intervention, Devil, Spiritual Warfare, Holy Spirit's Operation, Hebrews, Ephesians? *Your ideas?*

5. Look around! - There is much work to be done, and it is a joy to do it together in 2016!