

PRESSING ON OBJECTIVES FOR 2017

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

~ Romans 14:12

1. Profit and Loss – Are we moving forward or backward?

- a. If we must give account (Rom 14:12), it is good that we do a self evaluation.
- b. Taking stock of where you are at helps to measure growth.
- c. The distance between the two points is either profit or loss: forward or backward.
- d. How do we measure profit?
 - i. 1 Tim 4:8 – It is not by the flesh: nickels, numbers, or noses
 - ii. Faith, sound doctrine, godliness is what we take in – Rom 10:17
 - iii. It is spiritual: are you profiting in Christ or not? – Rom 3:12
- e. What have we lost?
 - i. Hopefully, our confidence in the flesh – Phil 3:3-8
 - ii. We need to rid ourselves of wrong thinking - 2 Cor 10:5, 1 Tim 1:3, 6:3-5
 - iii. Some lose faith, lose desire, lose hope; these losses need stopped!

2. Assets and Liabilities – Are we strong or weak?

- a. What do we have?
 - i. Jesus Christ by whom we can be strengthened – Phil 4:13; Eph 3:16-18
 - ii. All scripture is profitable for... 2 Tim 3:16
 - iii. Faithful workmen are a tremendous asset – 2 Tim 2:2, 4:11; Phm 1:10-11
 - iv. Physically weak can be a spiritual asset – 2 Cor 12:10
- b. What do we owe? – Rom 13:8
 - i. Spiritual weakness can be ministered, but requires strong ones – Rom 15:1
 - ii. Are you a liability – do you take or contribute? Do you sit or stand in service?
 - iii. We are bought with a price - 1 Cor 6:19-20; and on borrowed time – Eph 5:16

3. Operations – How did we spend our time/money?

- a. Are you borrowing from someone else, or studying for yourself? - 2Tim 2:15
- b. Are you bearing fruit, or stagnating? – Phil 4:17, Col 1:10; Eph 5:11
- c. There is a fruit/growth that is not always apparent to all. Stop and look back.
- d. 53 Sundays, 52 Tuesdays, 28x other speakers; 200+ resources, radio, dinners
- e. Faithful man project has been a great success – many of you have taught 2-3x
- f. Fairs were a success: people saved, people came out, people encouraged, balloons!
- g. Seminar was the best we've had – we will continue to create faithful men – 2 Tim 2:2

4. The Bottom Line – We will press on!

- a. We are different than we were at the start of 2016.
- b. Our business is still God's will and word, rightly divided – 1 Tim 2:4; 1 Th 4:3-4, 5:18
- c. We can make changes, but the message does not change – 1 Tim 3:15, Eph 3:9
- d. We will invest in what works, we will forget what does not.
- e. We will try new things: video project, amb workshop, new resources, read along, etc.
- f. Perhaps you will find your place: in leadership, in support, as mature faithful workmen
- g. The job is never done, doors never close, God is always faithful...so we never quit
- h. We press on until the resurrection, rejoicing in the Lord til he come - Phil 3:13-14