

PRESSING ON: AN ANNUAL EVALUATION OBJECTIVES FOR 2018

*"I press toward the mark for the prize
of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

~ Philippians 3:14

1. An Annual Evaluation

- a. Phil 3:1 - Paul's view on repetition
- b. Why do we do what we do? Not to earn favor with God or men.
- c. Where else can you hear truth about flesh, rejoicing in the Lord, Christ & resurrection?
- d. Phil 3:14 - We have not yet reached the mark – so we press toward it
- e. We are here for a purpose – are we doing a good job? Are we pressing?

2. Identifying the Mark

- a. Do you want to know where you are going? What God's calling is? Identify the mark.
- b. The mark is not obedience to the law or pursuit of self-righteousness – Phil 3:2-7
- c. It's not the world's measure (power, pleasure, paycheck, appearance) – Phi 3:18-19
- d. Churches fail due to missing the mark – not politics, kingdom, culture, popularity, fun
- e. The mark is the end of your course - 2 Tim 2:6-7; your death with Christ – Phil 3:8-11
- f. When we die we have life in Christ - resurrection - Rom 6:5, 6:23, Phil 3:12

3. Pressing On

- a. Paul has a single minded goal – expend effort toward "one thing I do"
- b. Pressing ~ *def.* forcing into service, urging w/weight; constraining, application of power
- c. The power you have is not in your flesh, but with Christ – Rom 1:16, 16:25; Eph 1:19
- d. Is this power being applied? Is your faith effectual? Is it working? 1 Thess 2:13; Phm 6
- e. We did a lot of work in 2017 – not all of it is online; Q&A, children's class, meals, conversations, guests/visitors, seminar, ambassadors workshop, fairs, growing together
- f. All of this requires you, your growth, your pressing toward the right mark

4. The High Calling of God

- a. You have a high calling of God – your calling is not here – 2 Tim 1:9-10
- b. God's calling is his purpose/ his will is clear – 1 Tim 2:4, 1 Thess 4:3, 5:18, Gal 1:4
- c. Churches fail because they don't know the high calling:
 - i. "creating jobs", "helping stop poverty, injustice, inequality", "righteous living", "get out into the world", "poorly formed Christians"
- d. The church is to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery – Eph 3:9
- e. When people ask, "who believes this?" You are the answer, one in a million.
- f. Determine to know and recognize that this is the truth that is needed – God's will.

5. Our Objective

- a. You are saved by God's grace, complete in Christ, you can do the job – Col 2:10
- b. Your life is needed by others in the flesh, here and now – Phil 1:24
- c. You can have the mind of Christ, eyes on resurrected life, be an ensample - Phil 3:15-17
- d. 2017 was good – 2018 will be better. Keep doing what works, stop doing what doesn't; Always pressing to preach Christ acc. to the revelation of the mystery - Christ in you, the hope of glory