



The 7 Pillars of a Healthy Church
Wednesdays in The Word
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PILLAR 7: Outreach and Missions

- **Outreach**- the act of extending services, benefits, etc., to a wider section of the population
 - **Missions**- Also called foreign missions. A group of persons sent by a church or faith based organization to carry out religious work, especially evangelism in foreign lands. The goal is often to establish schools, hospitals, etc.
 - Outreach by church standards refers to activities outside of the local church to better the surrounding community.
 - Missions deals with outreach that spans the globe.
- I. The Great Commission** *Mark 16:15; Matt 28:19-20; John 15:16; Acts 1:8*
- A very important word that is the root of outreach: **GO**
 - Not important where you are, but where you need to go.
 - God calls all believers to be witnesses and provides them with power and a message.
 - The word preach not only refers to pontification, but also to show what the gospel is.
 - When we engage in outreach we preach with our actions.
- II. Inreach vs. Outreach**
- Church has become professional at Inreach.
 - Inreach focuses on the inside of the local church.
 - It is our love for each other inside which overflows to the outside and becomes outreach.
 - A church that doesn't care about outreach is a social club.
 - We are called to be an extension of Christ *Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21*
 - If you really love God, it is *impossible* to not care about people *I John 4:20*
- III. Elements of Effective Outreach**
- There are two main resources that determine not only outreach, but also, how effective will be:
 - *People Resources*
 - *Financial Resources*
 - Without the first there would be no second.
 - We must not only partake in giving financially, but also in the giving of ourselves.
 - One of the greatest benefits of outreach to the Kingdom and local church is growth – bringing people into the body of Christ.



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IV. A Pattern to Follow to Reach Others

- Be friendly. Do this for the sake of knowing a person for who they really are.
- Win the unbeliever's confidence with genuine love and friendship.
- Be authentic – a genuine person.
- Share your personal testimony. *I Timothy 1:12-16*
- Living an exemplary life *II Tim 2:21; Matt. 5:13-16*
- A working knowledge of the Word *II Tim 2:15; Acts 17:11; Rom. 1:16*
- A life of prayer *Matt 21:22; Luke 18:1*
- A love for souls *Matt. 9:36-38*
- Perseverance *Gal. 6:9-10*

V. 3 Step Action Plan

- Make a commitment to witness every day. Few things happen without a prior commitment.
- List all the lost people you know (family, friends, neighbors, marketplace contacts, church) and pray for them daily. Ask God for God's power and compassion. Ask God to keep the lost people you know alive until you or someone can get the Gospel to them. Make a commitment to witness to them.
- Do not forget to share your testimony and the Gospel with the children or grandchildren in your family. This is witnessing, too, and of the most urgent kind.