

THE OFFENSIVE

I. The Offensive is The Plan Created to Accomplish The Objective

A. As an attitude

1. Gaining and maintaining the initiative is crucial to successful warfare

a. Note this in the great commission

(1) All authority in heaven and earth are given unto Me

(2) Going into all the world - take the gospel to them

(3) And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

2. A defensive attitude is dangerous

a. Without a change of mentality the defender is beaten

b. Defense is necessary but the mind-set must be aggressive and forward looking

(1) Note the order of the Lord's prayer

(a) Your Kingdom must come

(b) We have need of provision so that it will

(c) We have need of protection so that it will

(2) Note the Lord's word to Joshua

(a) Be strong and courageous

(3) Note the Church in Acts 4
- Grant us boldness

B. As an action

1. A plan must be put into place which will achieve the objective
 - a. The overall plan for the church to build itself up
 - (1) Preach the Word
 - (2) Pray
 - (3) Testify
2. Each of us has a specific part in making it possible for these things to be done
3. Paul's plan
 - a. The Objective - establish the church among the Gentiles
 - b. The Offensive -
 - (1) Go to key centers of population

(2) Find those interested among the gentiles by starting at the synagogue

(3) Establish a church

(4) Move on

(5) Follow up and encourage

4. Paul had a support team

a. Each person was assigned a role

b. Note the way he speaks of the others in Romans 16

5. Where do you fit in?

a. Find your place

b. Be diligent