

# The Outreach-Oriented Person

## I. Introduction

A. What is outreach?

1. Outreach is communicating the love of Jesus wherever you are.
2. Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT) <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."
3. Philippians 2:14-15 (NLT) <sup>14</sup>In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can speak a word of blame against you. You are to live clean, innocent lives as children of God in a dark world full of crooked and perverse people. Let your lives shine brightly before them.

## II. The Great Commandment

A. Matthew 22:36-40 (NLT) <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

1. If we truly love God and we love our neighbor, we will naturally keep the commandments.
2. An outreach-oriented person is doing all they can to love God and their neighbor as themselves!

## III. Attributes of an Outreach-Oriented Person

A. An outreach-oriented person places a great emphasis on prayer.

1. Colossians 4:3 (NLT) *Don't forget to pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to preach about his secret plan—that Christ is also for you Gentiles. That is why I am here in chains.*
  - a. Everything that has Kingdom value begins in prayer!

B. An outreach-oriented person is someone who is thoughtful.

1. Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT) <sup>3</sup>Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. <sup>5</sup>You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

2. Thoughtful people see things the rest of society misses or ignores.
  3. To be truly thoughtful is to notice things others don't and then do something about it.
- C. An *outreach-oriented* person desires to be a great neighbor.
1. Being a great neighbor is something we need to be intentional about.

#### IV. Ideas for Being More Neighborly

Do a yard sale together.

Invite your neighbors to play.

Turn a Vineyard-sponsored event into a chance to meet your neighbors.

Organize a block party:

[http://artofneighboring.com/resources\\_kit/gen\\_resources/block\\_party\\_kit.pdf](http://artofneighboring.com/resources_kit/gen_resources/block_party_kit.pdf)

Be an inviter!

#### V. Conclusion

##### Upcoming Messages:

8/17-18/2013 – “Defining Biblical Discipleship” (Fight to Win Series)

8/24-25/2013 – “Defining the Kingdom of God”

8/31-9/1/2013 – “Kingdom Parables”