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Homiletics

~ Dr Wally Marais



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Preaching: Spreading the Gospel

Lesson Purpose

- The purpose of this lesson is To enable the student to grasp the meaning of preaching as opposed to merely public speaking.

Lesson Outcome

Upon completion of this lesson the student will :

- Understand the call to preach
- Know what it means to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ
- He will know that preaching is more than talking, it is also living

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- What is preaching?
- Essentials of preaching
- Biblical preaching

God speaks through the Bible

Preaching is to proclaim that Jesus alone is Saviour and Lord:

Through the preaching of the Scriptures, God encounters men and woman to bring them to salvation 11 Tim 3:15. and to the restoration of His image in them, something awesome happens when God confronts an individual through preaching and seizes him by the soul.

Haddon W, Robinson defines expository preaching as follows, "Expository preaching is the communication of a biblical concept derived from and transmitted through a historical, grammatical, and literary study of a passage (of Scripture) in its context, which the Holy Spirit first applies to the personality and experience of the preacher, then through him to his hearers". The passage governs the sermon and the preacher. Never try and bend the scriptures to support your thoughts or theology, rather bend your thoughts to what God is saying and preach that truth. Remember God only uses His truth to set men and woman free. You will have no power and authority when you preach your own ideas, beliefs and thoughts. Our authority as God's messengers resides in not in the preacher but in the text of the Word of God.

This was a very important task in the early days, a special officer was appointed to carry the message of a king or general. This officer was named the *AKERUX* which is translated in English by the word *HERALD* .It was his business to proclaim in a loud voice whether there was war or peace. The work of this officer was to carry messages, commands, decisions and wishes of the king to his people or from the general to his army. His voice was used to assemble the people to hear the message.

- To preach therefore, is first of all, to PROCLAIM that Jesus is Lord of all (Acts 2:36; Php 2:11; Mt 28:19; Eph 1:10; Ps 2:6-8; Ps 99:1; Ps 100:1-3).
- To preach, is to announce that God has declared Victory over SIN and SATAN, and that He has declared PEACE between Him and SINNERS because He has reconciled sinners with Himself in Jesus Christ (2 Co 5:17-21).
- To preach, is to call those who are spiritually dead, to LIFE in Jesus Christ (Eph 2:1; Col 2:13-15).
- To preach is to call people from darkness to light and from the bondage of sin to freedom of all sin (1 Pe 2:9; Acts 26:18; 2 Co 4:6; Col 1:13-14; Ro 8:21; Gal 5:13).
- To preach, is to announce that spiritual paupers and beggars have been made INHERITORS of all riches of God in Christ (Eph 3:8 & 16; Col 1:27; Col 2:2; Ro 9:23; 1 Pe 1:4; Ro 8:17 N.B.; Gal 3:29; Heb 6:17-19).
- To preach, is to announce that we have become the SALVAGED PROPERTY of God and that this property made Him rich (Rev 5:9; 1 Co 6:20; 1 Co 7:23; 1 Pe 2:9; Eph 1:18; Titus 2:14; Heb 2:15; 1 Pe 1:18).
- To preach, is to carry the message that the Name of God has been spoken over us, and that sinners receive a new name because they have been declared RIGHTEOUS and made pure and blameless in Jesus (Num 6:27; Dt 28:10; Isa 43:7; Isa 49:16; Rev 2:17; Rev 3:12, Eph 1:4). See also 1 Co 2:10-13; 1 Co 1:23-31; 1 Ti 2:5-7; 2 Ti 4:17.
- To Preach is to allow the Holy Spirit of God to so excite you with the Good News that JESUS SAVES that you go everywhere telling the everyone you can find the good news. If you cannot do that on the streets God will not use you in the pulpit. It is in sharing with sinners where they are that your heart will bleed and burn. Jesus got His hands dirty and we as His disciples can expect to do no less.

To be a messenger sent by the King of kings:

When you are a preacher or herald in the biblical sense of the word, you come to realise that you have been **sent by the King of kings** as his special representative and mouthpiece. You are a messenger of the Commander-in-chief of the Heavenly Hosts. In this capacity you have been given **power** over the forces of evil and darkness, and the devil. You have been given authority, even the same authority as Jesus (John 20:21; John 13:20; Mt 10:1-20).

But! This authority and this mission has its **roots** in nothing else than the **divine love of God** that can only be shed forth in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

To preach the Word for God is To Live the Word of God:

No one, yes, no one can preach in the biblical sense of the word, and no one can acquire the art of preaching UNLESS YOU LOVE YOUR FELLOW MEN, be he brother or friend or enemy! To LOVE as God loves, is the ART OF LIVING and therefore the basic requirement for the art of preaching. To preach the Word of God is to live the Word of God (1Ti 4:16).

Small wonder then, that the Bible also refers to the preacher as the person who **blows the trumpet**. The sound of any trumpet is **music** that can reach far beyond the sound of a human voice.

Figuratively speaking, the preacher issues a trumpet call which may echo to the ends of the earth And this trumpet call is **heavenly music** to everyone who believes its message. At the same time, however, the trumpet sound is a cause of alarm to the enemy of God, to evil and the powers of darkness.

When you come to realise with what authority you have been clothed and then let your heart be flooded with the light of love of God, your preaching **becomes music** that has the effect of rallying the people to the side of God and preparing themselves for the second coming of Jesus in glory.

Someone once asked me what I was doing preaching in all different parts of the world, why did I not just preach in my own land only. My reply was that Jesus told me to go into all the world and preach the gospel. We have to do what He tells us to do.

To Become an instrument of the Holy Spirit:

Having introduced you to the trumpet-like character of Spirit-filled preaching, I want to share with you yet another facet or side of the art of preaching: .

The Holy Spirit is also called the BREATH or the WIND of God (John 3:8). As a preacher, you have to let your heart, and your thinking, and your life be like an open window for the *breeze* of the Holy Spirit. You have to have *your* WILL TUNED to the WILL of God. Remember preaching is saying what the King would say to the people if He was there in the flesh, we cannot change His message, WE HAVE TO DECLARE THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Essential of Preaching

Preaching is the proclamation of the good news of God's salvation through man to men. It is NOT the proclamation of a theory or the Declaration of Negatives, but essentially the message of the truth of God as revealed in the Bible and in Jesus Christ. The discussion of politics, current topics, and kindred themes may rightfully be called address, but such efforts can in no sense of the word be called preaching. It is not the preaching of theology, it is preaching what God says in His word. You can always tell when the message has been changed it sounds like a theologian speaking, or a philosopher or Someone propogation a particular school of thought, for they cannot say with assurance "Thus saith the Lord". It is so thrilling to hear someone delivering the message of the LORD.

Three essentials of preaching are TRUTH, CLARITY and PASSION and may rightfully be considered as follows:

Truth.

Gods revelation of truth is Jesus Christ (John 14:6) and we receive this truth through the written Word (the Bible) and personal revelation. It may therefore be said that we preach the Word of God as it reveals Jesus. However, to preach the truth, we can only preach that which has been a direct revelation to US. Anything else is speculation, and however sound it may seem, it can only be considered as such until the Spirit of God has revealed it to US. This means that we must EXPERIENCE Jesus to preach HIM. When this is the case we will indeed preach the truth.

Clarity.

It is essential that the preacher's message be clear because of the importance of EVERY statement. Martin Luther said: A preacher ought so to preach, that when the sermon is ended, the congregation shall disperse saying: The preacher said this! our diction and vocabulary should be such that even children understand us. Here is an example of how NOT to put a sermon together if you want clarity: Take several theological or moral platitudes, mix with equal parts of dedication, evangelism, stewardship . add several kingdoms "or the Bible says", stir in a selection of stories, add salvation to taste. Serve hot on a bed of scripture verses.

Passion.

Our preaching must always have passion, not passion which comes from conscious effort, but the passion which is evident when the truth has gripped the preacher to the point where he proclaims that which has become his experience. It is not good enough for a man to be able to handle the text. It is when the text handles him, grip and masters and possesses him, that he is best able to stir the people.

What is Preaching?

Preaching is to proclaim the Gospel or the Good News. The work of the Christian Minister is the work of preaching. A preacher stands between the human need and the Grace and mercy that comes by Jesus Christ alone. John 1 ; 14

As a preacher, you are a messenger of God, a representative and mouthpiece. By preaching you call those who are spiritually dead to life in Jesus Christ.

To call people from darkness to light and from the bondage of sin to freedom. To reconcile man with God, and man with man.

You bring the message from God to his people. So let the Holy Spirit take control of your preaching. Preachers are to preach the Word, that means the Bible. The Word is truth. In John 17:17, Jesus says: *"Your Word is truth"*

The Amplified Bible puts it in this way: *"Sanctify them - purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy - by the Truth"*.

Preaching is not the proclamation of a theory, or the discussion of a doubt. Preaching is the proclamation of the Word, the truth as the truth has been revealed.

People are longing to hear the truth. When we enter the Christian Ministry and become preachers, it is the whole body of truth for which we are responsible.

Remember, you have been given authority, even the same authority as Jesus. John 20:21 says: Again Jesus said: *Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.*" You have been given power over the forces of evil and darkness.

Preach the Word of God and live the Word of God. So, preach and practice what you preach.

Preaching is the proclamation of the Good News of salvation through man to men. So, such a man or person must be saved.

If you want to show somebody a way, you must personally know that way. *Jesus answered, "I am the Way and the Truth, and the Life.*

No one comes to the Father except through Me."(John 14:6)

- The only way to heaven is Jesus Christ, the only way to deliverance from all sin is in Jesus Christ so we have to preach JESUS.
- God's revelation of Truth is Jesus Christ.
- The Life is in Jesus Christ.
- The preacher's message must be clear. You must always have compassion.

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Remember that, without the fullness of the Holy Spirit your sermon or preaching will be in vain. Jesus Christ says to his disciples before He went to heaven, *"But you will receive power after the Holy Spirit came upon you..."* Acts 1:8 in verse 4 He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, chapter 2:1 of the same book of Acts we read; "When the day of the Pentecost came, they were all together in one place."

Peter's sermon starts from verse 14 after the day of Pentecost. People were pricked in their hearts and moved to cry out: **What shall we do?** (17). Peter's reply was: **Repent and be baptized ---in the name of Jesus---** vs 38.. They all believed, and accepted the message in their hearts, and Jesus changed them and they became true Christians.

The early preachers were not expressing their own ideas, but publishing the Word of God. Once the Word of God is accepted by the believer, that Word became alive and active within them.

Group discussion:

Do preachers only preach when in the pulpit. Discuss other times that the preachers should preach



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The preacher man

Lesson Purpose

- The purpose of this lesson is To enable the student to see that God has called him as he is to as he yields to be a preacher of the gospel, and that the Lord will use him as he yields himself to God

Lesson Outcome

Upon completion of this lesson the student will :

- Understand that God is going to use his humanity to deliver a divine message
- God will en flesh the message through the preachers humanness
- The hearers will see beyond him and also hear God's word speaking to them
- The Holy Spirit will bring illumination of truth through the human delivery

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- He is separated for the holy use of preaching.
- He is a full human being
- His human personality

He is separated for the Holy use of preaching the Message of our Holy God

The preacher is a man who is separated by God for the specific work of preaching and living the Gospel.

He is **first** of all: called out of darkness to the walk in God's light, He is called by God to do his work here on earth.

Once a person is certain of God's commission and of his own acceptance, he should commit himself to it for life with no thought of turning back.

When the call is accepted, one should burn his bridges behind him. So that he cannot go back.

He is a full human being

The preacher must be a real man – and also a man of God, a Holy man, a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith.

Acts 11:22 - 24 says; News of this reached the ears of the Church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. But he must also be a good husband, a real father, and a trusting friend.

His human personality

What kind of man ought the preacher be?

He must not be an imitator. The preacher should be himself. Don't try to grab somebody else's weapon and use it. He must know his gifts in ministry. Use what you have in your hand. Like David who took his sling and killed Goliath.

He should be a man of deep piety. If the preacher is not living up to his preaching, the people will soon find it out: Personality is made up of what we think, feel and choose to do. He must discipline himself to think the way Jesus thought and choose to do Jesus things to others and determine in his heart not to defile himself but to live in obedience to the Holy Spirit of Jesus.

2 Sam 12:12.

In preaching there are some dos and dont's:

- Do dress appropriately.
- Use gestures and movements that communicate and vary them. Use language and voice tone that communicates, do not bore people.
- But you must avoid shouting, even if you have to raise your voice sometimes. Do not use pulpit tone.. Many people have a problem of tone control.
- Use fitting illustrations, do not use stories just to stir up emotions..
- Allow criticism. Instruct your wife or your husband or a friend to criticise your presentation and your language.
- Use different methods of presentation like overheads, DVDs, when unavailable draw your own charts, use pictures, outlines etc.

Group participation

Draw up a chart showing the steps of salvation, and demonstrate how to use it to teach

Produce a skit showing Daniel in the Lions den

Give the story of the hymn or chorus you are singing, and explain its message



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The Preachers Preperation

Lesson Purpose

- The purpose of this lesson is To assist the student on concentrating on the things that will influence what he will preach and why

Lesson Outcome

Upon completion of this lesson the student will :

- Understand the importance of a clear theology
- Know that his attitudes and standards will be part of his sermon
- Be certain to prepare himself in prayer and also psychologically to be God's messenger

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- Effective preaching requires certain convictions.
- Essential point that must be emphasized
- How to read and apply elementary principles of interpretation

Preachers convictions show both in preaching and practice. The preacher himself is a visual aid. Titus 2:7: *In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine, showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility.*

The preachers message is the Word of God and around him are immortal souls. A preacher senses the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the presence of Jesus.

One of the preachers said: Our worship is poor because our knowledge of God is poor, and our knowledge of God is poor because our preaching is poor. Because of that, Biblical authority has for many been undermined by poor preparation in the Word and in Prayer, he must be tuned in to God and feel God's message burning in his heart.

Effective preaching requires certain convictions:

Conviction about God:

- God is Light - shines – reveals – when the preaches preaches the Word the Spirit of God illuminates that message and brings conviction to the hearers.
- God redeems - acts – liberates – it is the Holy Spirit who regenerates and sanctifies people not doctrines or theologies
- God speaks - His speech related to activity God speaks through the preached Word and people hear Him talking to them..

Conviction about Scripture:

- God's written Word; He put his Word into human minds and human mouths in such a way that the thoughts they received and the words they spoke were simultaneously as well as His.
- The divine inspiration did not override the human authorship and the human authorship did not override the divine inspiration.
- The preacher should know that the Bible is God's Word. God's Word through men's words, spoken through human mouths and written by human hands.
- You must know that God still speaks through what He has spoken. The preacher must hear God's Word with his spiritual ears and see God's truths with his spiritual eyes and feel the word motivating him in his heart before he can try and pass it on. God spoke centuries ago. How about now? Living Word to living people from a Living God.
- We must keep the Spirit of God and the Word of God together. For apart from the Spirit, the Word is dead. Apart from the Word, the Spirit is alien.
- God's Word is powerful. Isaiah 55:11: *So shall my Word be that goes forth from My mouth! It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please. And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.* I am always amazed at the power of the Word of God, Miracles happen when we preach it, that just proves that the Word of Jesus is with us.
- So pray and preach, if there are no visible converts which may sometimes break your heart, keep remembering that we are only the messengers, and that he is always at work..

Conviction about the Church:

- Israel used to be the People of God, now the church is the new Israel John 15 "I am the true vine and ye are the branches", vine - Israel
- Church is the new covenant people of God
- Church was founded by Jesus Christ and finds its life in the Holy Spirit
- Church is the Body of Christ through whom He continues His ministry, as we preach His Word He extends His Kingdom
- The Lord Jesus Christ is both the Head and the Message of the Church.
- All People are hungry and searching for the Truth that is why they are seeking everywhere, that is the reason for so many religions, that is why we must preach the Word of God. Without the Truth of Jesus they will remain in darkness and sin and die and go to hell, the message you have is what can save them. Therefore why should anyone hear the gospel twice until everyone has heard it at least once. Can you see why God has called you to deliver His message?

Essential points that must be emphasized

Discipline:

- Devotional preparation; prayer and Bible. That is how we can maintain the freshness of the message preparation of personal spiritual life at Jesus' feet.
- Theological preparation; sit and study systematic theology, and be open for new truth, but do not worship these teachers they are only men, always look to see what they teach about God, man, sin and salvation. If their theologies make something else other than Jesus the saviour from all sin, do not believe them. Do not put anyone on a pedestal, that number one place belongs only to Jesus and He alone is all truth
- I have been an avid reader of the different theologies for over 50 years now and many times I am appalled at what they want me to believe.

- Many theologies are designed to present a certain stance at the expense of truth and they try to make it say something less than the truth, that is wrong, no matter who says it, if it cannot be found in the teachings of the Word of God, and if it twists what the Bible teaches then know it for it is, it is man attempting to change truth, you better throw it out.

Intellectual preparation;

- Some may say that they cannot get books for study, but that is not so, for your training organization will help you to build a study library. These are the kind of reference books you will need to get, even if it takes you years to get them, but start now by filing away these lectures for they have been written with you in mind. study books, biographies, understand the problem of the people, personal aspects of the people, study all different cultures and other beliefs. Especially read from the readers of the past like A;W Tozer, Campbell Morgan, Duncan Campbell, Oswald Chambers, C.T Studd, William Carey, F.F Bruce, William Barclay, Guthrie, Stott, Ralph Earle, Richard Taylor, Wiley, Siemands, Morris, Wesley, Harrison, Andrew Murray and hundreds more, you will be stretched and challenged and come to appreciate the way these men have stood for truth. You will feel part of a great tradition of God's chosen messengers. The writer of these lessons is committed to helping you get good books.

Psychological preparation;

- Study all you can about people, get into a Counselling Course that will open up the minds and hearts and behaviours of people from all walks of life and keep learning..

Personal preparation;

- Discipline of **prayer and study. Prayer is the Christian breathing, if you stop taking in life giving oxygen you will die, and i have lived long enough to see preachers die, because they stopped praying effectively and stop growing intellectually and spiritually.**
- Discipline is an ability given by God's Spirit to help to regulate our lives in such a manner that we keep growing and learning and at the same are growing into strong characters for Christ. God's love and Grace are tough, yes TOUGH, and God needs tough men who will not compromise the Truth but always stand up for Jesus, Duncan Campbell the man God used in the Lewis Revival in the Hebrides tells that when he preached the message of Holiness many preachers went around telling the people that he was not preaching the truth, simply because he preached the message of Heart Holiness. He stood true and God sent the revival to prove to the sceptics that when we preach truth God works. Wesley face the same opposition in his day because he taught that God had not elected some for heaven and some to go to hell, he preached a whosoever gospel and again God honoured his courageous stand and sent a great revival to England and America and gave birth not only to the Methodist church but to all those churches that were formed out of the great Holiness revivals of the mid 1850s. You should read about these great moving of God's Spirit, for them you will know how to act when God pours out His Spirit upon Africa, and some feel it in our bones, these are the last days, and God has promised to pout out His Spirit in these last days.

Prayer

- is the mighty weapon that God's people have proved again and again to be the most effective way to defeat the devil Every student should read Rees Howells book "The Intercessor".or other books on prayer.

The preachers life must be a life of large accumulation. Learn to study for the sake of truth, learn to think for the profit and the joy of thinking. Then learn to love so that it becomes your living sermon, it shall be like the springing forth of a fountain, not like a pumping of a pump.

Study

- Read comprehensively, read everything you can to learn how people think and act and why. Even magazines and local newspapers, and old articles help you to see into people.
- Read open minded, be willing to learn new things, and explore new trains of thought.
- Expectantly, do not close you mind in any way but read expecting to see something that can be used to explain things and understand others.

How to read and apply elementary principles of interpretation

- Come to the passage to be interpreted as if you had never seen it. Approach the Bible with new eyes. Simply let the passage make its impression on you.
- Take the pencil in hand and record the most obvious facts about the passage.
- Dig deeper: General impressions have now made their mark on your mind. You are well aware that these are only beginning impressions, that they are subject to modifications and enlargement. Foster that modification and enlargement by recording in detail the facts you see before you. List persons, places, times, events and teachings.
- Ask: Am I working with a parable, history or poetry?
- Suppose you are working with Hebrew poetry, you could expect to encounter figures of speech, examples from history and inspirational flow.
- Determine the context of your passage: Who wrote these words, why, what did he say? What did it mean when he said it, because you cannot change its meaning? . Who did he write to, what were they doing or saying?, How did he reply to their questions? What is the literal message being conveyed?
- Take John 3:16 as an example.
- Written by John to show the gentiles and the Jews that God loves everyone, not just the chosen ones.
- John a Jew and knowing the Old Testament world says, God loves everyone, not just the Jews.
- John meant what said, because God has not chosen some to be saved and some to be lost, He wants everyone who hears the message to believe and be saved.
- He was writing to all sinners, sinners are those outside of Jesus Christ, so even the unbelieving Jews were sinners who needed to believe and be saved.
- The application is that all men in all time need to come to Jesus to be saved, for God has not chosen some to be saved and some to be lost.
- For healthy interpretation of a text it is essential to know the context, for a text without its context is pretext

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Remember, the purpose of the Bible is to reveal Christ. That truth must function as a working principle of all sound interpretation of Scripture. In Christ the Christian finds the unity of Scripture.

Class discussion

The Gospel does not apply to the Jews for they are already God's chosen people, only sinners need to get saved



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Preaching Program

Lesson Purpose

- The purpose of this lesson is To teach the student how to study the text, find its main truth and put it into a preachable sermon

Lesson Outcome

Upon completion of this lesson the student will :

- Know how and where to find the text he wants to preach from
- Know how to interrogate the text and to find its big idea
- Be able to arrange the points in a presentable manner to produce a sermon

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- Sermon Preparation
- How to choose a text
- Using John 3:16
- The part played by theology in sermon preparation.
- Putting a preaching program together.

Pray for God to give you a message.

- Read the Bible, get filled with the Word of God.
- Write your thoughts down when you get them.
- To whom you will be speaking - Christians? The unsaved? Children or Teenagers?

Use a concordance, get a good study Bible for it will have a concordance.

Some Good News is that the first Africa Bible Commentary, one volume is now available, Edited by Tokunboh Adeyemo, Word Alive Publishers. Do your utmost to get a copy.

But even if you do not have these tools as yet, read the Bible over and over until you sens God is talking to you.

How to choose the text:

- Text gives you authority as it is part of the Word of God. As you read your Bible, stop when something strikes you. Make sure to read a text within its context. A text is always part of the chapter.
- Read the book of the Bible (like John) through and get the reason why it was reason.
- The theme of a sermon:, Ask Yourself, " What is the Big Idea of this passage?"

- The preacher should sum up his thoughts in a short sentence. The theme will run through the whole message.
- Follow it with these three questions:
 - What does this mean?
 - Can I really believe it, and ask others to believe it.
 - What difference does it make? So what! Ask yourself why you want to preach this sermon. "I had six faithful friends, they taught me all I knew, Their names are How and What and Why, when and where and who". Interegate the text by asking and answering these questions.

The wise choice and proper wording of your theme is important.

- Know your theme. It does not mean you must know everything about it.
- Preach on themes your congregation can understand. Preach to their needs. Preach for results and expect them. Make sure you are aiming to hit something.
- Let your theme be suitable to time, place and occasion. If it is Easter, preach on it! If it is Christmas, preach on it!

For example, the theme of John 3:16 might be:

- God's love for a lost world, or
- God's gift to mankind, (Jesus Christ) or
- Faith in Jesus Christ brings eternal life, or
- Eternal life can be enjoyed by everyone who believes in Jesus to save them
- Salvation is not only for a selected few, but for the whosoever.

Many sermons might be prepared from this one verse.

But there are a few more points to make before we move onto the actually preparing the sermon

So you have chosen a text or a passage, and you have found the BIG IDEA,
And you answered the three questions;
What does it mean? Is it true? What difference will it make?

- Now determine the purpose of this sermon
- Ask yourself how the Big Idea should be handled to accomplish this purpose
- Now you are ready to outline the sermon

A good way is to outline the skeleton and then to flesh it out.

- Sermon title – lets people know your theme
- Text or passage- they see where you are preaching from
- Introduction – introduces the message – followed by a transition sentence
- First main point - Main point – one of the main points from the passage – followed by transition sentence
- Complementary sub points – give explanation and support to main point
- Second -Main point
- Complimentary sub points
- Third - Main point
- Complementary sub points

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- Conclusion – Preachers say the conclusion could be written first, because it keeps you on track
- By using transitional sentences you keep a flow through the sermon delivery
- Using illustrations that are appropriate help to let in the light to the points you are making.

In the time of our Lord Jesus Christ there was no literature:

The only Scripture they had was the Old Testament. Today we have many different translations of the Bible including many African languages

Therefore get yourself a good study Bible. Every preacher should have a good Bible. Get yourself a library shelf and start building your library, you need good reference to do quality studies. Learn all you can for by so doing you are putting into the Hands of the Holy Spirit what He can use through you to make the truth understandable and acceptable. These days it is not enough to say “The Bible says” because there are a lot of preachers preaching their own opinions and home made theologies. If you can use some college library near you. When I was teaching in Ghana, way back in the bush, I made inquiries and found a bible college there and they were prepared to let our students use their library, I have found like colleges all over Africa. Get yourself a Bible Commentary, a Bible Dictionary, A Handbook of the Bible, and a good Manual on Christian Counselling, these are basic necessities for a ministers library. All missionaries are only too willing to let you share their reference books especially when they sense that you are a serious student. Beware that you do not just buy books that teach only one theology as if it alone is the truth, only the Bible can claim that position, read and get to know the different theologies and stick to the truth, the Spirit will guide you.

The part played by theology in sermon preparation.

You are going to interpret the scriptures through the eyes of what you already believe, train yourself to be true to the scriptures, and do not try to defend a theological position. There basically are three main schools of theology, study them all with an open mind and let the Holy Spirit teach you the Biblical theology approach.

- **The Reformed school/ Calvinism**

that teaches what is known as the Tulip theory:

- T – for Total Depravity, man fell so low into sin that he has no capacity to respond to God or any other good.
- U –for Unconditional election, God’s chooses people unconditionally, that is , God’s choice is not based upon anything one might do or any response one might make.
- L - for Limited atonement – Christ death on the cross is only for a few select persons, those whom God has chosen’
- I – for Irresistible grace – if one has been selected to receive salvation, he could not possibly reject it.
- P –for Perseverance – Once one is truly saved, it is impossible to fall from that condition. Also known as eternal security.

- **The Charismatic view**

whether Calvinistic or some other school they hold to the doctrines of salvation by grace through faith, the baptism of the Holy Spirit evidenced by speaking in tongues. They emphasize healing by faith, and some add prosperity for they hold that all these are directly in the Atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross. That

means that all these can be claimed by faith directly in Jesus.

- **The Wesleyan/ Arminian Theology**

- They believe in Prevenient Grace - God puts a safety net under humanity known as prevenient grace, This is God's grace that comes before we even know Him, it keeps man saveable. This grace is given to all men.
- Conditional election – God's choosing us is conditional based on our responding to Him which everyman can do because everyman has been given grace to belief.
- Unlimited Atonement – Christ died for all and atonement is unlimited.
- Grace can be resisted – The grace of God can be, and tragically many times is resisted.
- Loss of salvation – Instead of eternal security, people can and tragically do fall from their saved condition. We are not talking here of being saved and lost again and again but just as the devil caused Adam to disconnect from God and die spiritually, so we are still human beings who are free moral agents and we will always have to be sensitive to the Spirit and His warnings, obedience is the safest way to live. Besides Christians are secure in Jesus, they are not saving themselves He is keeping them because He knows they want to be kept and no power can separate them from Him except their own choice.

What you believe theologically definitely influences the way you interpret the scriptures and what you preach so be clear about what you believe.

Putting a preaching program together.

Take a calendar and mark the Sundays that you will be preaching. Will you preach at two services or only at the morning service.

Next mark the special Sundays in the yearly calendar, like Easter, Pentecost, Christmas and others, you know that you are going to prepare sermons that fit that time on the calendar.

You might want to add other events like Faith Promise, Evangelism Sundays, Missions Sundays, Workers Covenant Sundays, and the like, and you know that you have to prepare in advance sermons for these special events.

Following the passages you are preparing and preaching from prepare ahead for the rest of the year, Some Sundays will be geared towards the unsaved, teaching Christians, emphasizing family life, or community involvement and helping the needy, what ever you must prepare ahead.

Use the articles of faith of your church and preach on each one over several Sundays, preach on the sacraments, the church as the Body of Christ, the gifted ministries, the structure of the church, the second coming. You will find all of these in the passages you are studying, and they are there for this reason, people must hear these truths so that they can be free to serve the Lord.

Do not substitute so called Worship for the preaching and teaching of God's Word, God speaks through the Word has given to you to share with His people.

That is why in Bible preaching churches there is a pulpit at the centre with an open Bible on it, telling everyone that it is a Bible believing church, do not let anything or anyone sideline the Word.

Growing churches are Bible churches, and the preachers of these churches plan up to five years in advance through hard work and study and preparation in all areas to make certain that the people hear what God is saying today, and people want to know.

Group discussion:

Do you believe that all sinners can be saved, or do you accept that they can only be saved by the irresistible grace of God drawing them

What would you preach to a convict serving life imprisonment, can you promise him salvation, and prosperity

Can you demand Jesus to heal someone.?

Can you command a demon to come out of the person being demonized?

What do you preach in these kind of situations?



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Practical Pointers to Make the Preacher More Effective

Lesson Purpose

- The purpose of this lesson is To give the preacher some practical help on becoming more effective in his presentation

Lesson Outcome

Upon completion of this lesson the student will :

- Aware of his personal appearance and know the appropriate dress for the different occasions.
- Also he will know what kinds of sermons fit the different occasions and audiences

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General

Define your audience:

- **Size:** How big is the crowd. Will you need a sound system or not.
- **Sex:** Are you speaking among the men or the women?
- **Age:** Older people, younger people or children?
- **Educational background:** Know their background so that you may adjust yourself to their standard.
- **Occupation:** Medical doctors, teachers or any kind of work you need to know in order to equip them.
- **Organization or denomination:** Are they Christians or non-Christians?
- Chief interests and motives present.
- Beliefs, attitudes and convictions present.
- Existing knowledge of the subject.
- Attitude towards the speaker.

Define your objective:

- **Preaching:** The evangelistic message suitable for unbelievers to bring them to the Lord.
- **Teaching:** Edification: For the matured Christians.
- **Warning:** To warn the people of some of the dangers. If they are not aware, you make them to be aware.
- **Instructing:** Giving instruction or charge.

Choose a subject that fits you, the occasion and the audience:

- **How to select:**
 1. Select a subject about which you already know something and can find out more.
 2. Select a subject that is interesting to you.
 3. Select a subject that will interest your audience, because it vitally concerns their affairs.
 4. Select a subject that is not above or below the intellectual level of the audience.
- **Present your ideas in logical order.**
- **Make your meaning complete.**
- **Know what you want to say before you say it and mean it.**
- **Establish a reliable feedback.**
- **Begin and end the speech in a forceful manner.**

Four activities of God in the world in the context of preaching:

- He wants to win men to live in fellowship with Him.
- He wants to reveal to men his true nature and purpose.
- He wants to create himself a people who will be his instruments.
- He wants to bring to pass his Kingdom into which will be gathered all the treasures of the world.
- The best preaching ultimately is what men would do about it.

Ro 10:13: *"For whoever calls upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved"*@

Is your sermon Christ exalting? 2 Co 4:5: *"For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."*

Is the sermon soul searching? Does it strike at the human problem of sin? Jn 15:22.

Does it present Jesus Christ as the solution to the problems.

Types of Sermons:

Sermons are classified under six types:

The Biographical Sermon:

- This type of sermon deals with the life story of some Bible character, e.g. of Moses.
- To prepare such a sermon, read what the Bible says about the man.
- You must do more research on that person, have more information about him or her.
- A good concordance will prove most helpful.

The Topical Sermon:

- This type of sermon is good on teaching the congregation. You select a topic or the congregation selects it.
- Maybe they want to know more about the second coming of Christ, or Faith, or Christian Discipleship, Redemption, etc.
- It is important to use a good concordance, or commentary. The lectures on the New Testament have been written as commentaries to help you, use them.
- Though we have so far considered only Bible topics, there are other topics which obviously fall within this category, e.g. Drug Addiction, Christians and Politics, How to choose a life partner, etc.
- These you would naturally relate to the word of God.

The Historical-Incident Sermon:

- The Bible is full of stories which are rich with spiritual instruction. For example: The story of Cain and Able: Ge 4:1-15.
- If you decide to prepare such a sermon, be faithful to present the facts of the incident, you should avoid spiritualising any details.

The Expository Sermon:

- The passage chosen for exposition must have a central theme running through it. All thoughts must be drawn from the passage itself. This type of preaching is very good for building up the congregation.
- An illustration will serve to show exactly how an expository sermon is constructed.

The Textual Sermon:

- It is a sermon based on a single verse.
- The theme is first of all established and then all contributory thoughts are related to this theme. It is prepared in much the same way as an expository sermon.
- For example, the theme of John 3:17: *"For God did not send His Son into the World to condemn the World, but to save the World through Him."*
- The theme could be: Why did Jesus come into this World? or Salvation is found in Jesus Christ.

The Personal Testimony:

- Paul sometimes gave his personal testimony when presented with an opportunity of preaching the Gospel: 1 Ti 1:12-17 & Php 3:1-9.
- But be careful not to dwell on past sins. Digging out the past sins.
- A personal experience with God is an undeniable fact.
- The telling of a personal experience of salvation has much value, for it is not only interesting to the listeners, but it makes salvation very real.

Appearance of the Preacher:

- Does he or she look like a man of God or a man of the World?
- Attitude: friendly or proud?
- Language used: Suitable to audience? Level too high or too low?
- Sermon as a whole: Was the message from the Lord? Theme well covered.
 - Our preaching needs to be evaluated.
 - A preacher must be an instrument in the hands of God.

Qualifications for preaching:

The Preacher's personal walk with God:

Towards God:

- Holy with a sanctified character.
- Spiritual life is alive and not connected to the control of the sinful nature.
- Humble, not proud in any way.
- Has a Living Faith and is living his faith
- Completely Yielded to God
- Senses the Blessing of God upon his life and his ministry.

Towards men:

- Knowledge and respect for the dignity worth and savability of all men and woman.
- Sincere with a perfect intension to be servant to others, like Jesus was.
- Love, oprates from a basis of God's love, not judgmental.
- Serious about his calling to the ministry. Does not chop or change, steadfast.
- Tenderness and gentle shows forth the fruit of the Spirit in His life.
- Blesses others with his lifestyle.

Let us consider Paul's instruction to Timothy, a young preacher/pastor.

When you read the whole book of Timothy, you will find many instructions and advice. He urges him to follow instructions, he says to him nurture your own faith, and keep a clear conscience.

Publicly live beyond accusation.

Privately live out your faith, use all your experiences, and develop godliness. Live an exemplary life and absorb God's Word. It is how the Preacher should live. He must use God's gift and totally commit himself, and continually check on yourself.

The most important thing is to deal equally with everyone.

- Cultivate good habits, persevere, and don't give space to any sin. Remember you are the devil's target..
- Another thing you must do as the Preacher of the Word of God is to remember those who pray for you.
- Because it is through prayers that you may progress in spreading the Gospel.
- Never be embarrassed to speak for Jesus Christ. As Christ suffered, you will also suffer, so endure suffering.
- Listen to and live by the Holy Spirit. Identify and encourage others into ministry. What you have heard and learn, never keep it to yourself. 2 Ti 2:2: *The things you have heard from me among many witnesses, entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*
- Don't be afraid of struggle or hard work. Work as accountable to God. Don't be difficult, trust God to change people's hearts.
- Remember, our message is: He will save His people from their sins, not in them. Remind them that the safest place to be is in Christ. (Matthew 1:21).
- A man living in sin cannot honestly preach that message. Also he has opened the door for Satan and evil spirits to take over his life. So you must have assurance of salvation.
- Your calling is to do the work of Evangelism. There is a difference between evangelical and evangelistic. Our faith can be evangelical but our lifestyle and preaching style must be evangelistic. We preach for change and ask for decisions.
- Believing and Being, don't tell others to witness, show them how to be a witness.
- Word and Witness, don't just preach from the pulpit, take them into the streets and teach them how to witness, you cannot be in the pulpit what you are not on the street.
- Guarding truth and Going with truth,. Do not merely defend truth, spread it and God will use it to perform miracles..

Our calling is a high calling and is very important.

Let us use Paul as an example. How was he?

- Paul was: A born-again believer; Acts 9:4-6
- Filled with the Holy Spirit Acts 9: 17
- Free from the sinful nature Gal 2:20
- An evangelist; Acts 13:1-3
- A church theologian; Ro 1:16 & 17
- A church pastor; 1 Cor 1:10
- A church planter; Acts 14:21-23
- A church programmer; 1 Ti 3:14-15
- An imitator of God; 1 Co 11:1

To bring God and man together is the united task of sound doctrine and the evangelistic church. To be the human instrument in a chain of events saving a precious soul is the highest task to which one can be assigned.

Never stoop to do anything else if God has called you, be the best possible instrument you can, through whom the greatest evangelist of all Jesus Christ can continue His ministry.

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Class Discussion

Is it wrong for a preacher to work at the same time as pastoring a church.?

What would you advise the preacher to do who has no time left to do his ministry.?