

**WE NEED TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO TRUE EXPOSITORY BIBLE PREACHING  
EXPOSITORY PREACHING IS THE GREATEST NEED IN THE CHURCH TODAY**

**"THE MOST URGENT NEED IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TODAY IS TRUE PREACHING; AND AS IT IS THE GREATEST AND MOST URGENT NEED IN THE CHURCH, IT IS OBVIOUSLY THE GREATEST NEED OF THE WORLD ALSO" - MARTIN LOYD JONES**

**IT'S THE GREATEST NEED BECAUSE IT MEETS THE NEED OF THE SOUL – IT FEEDS THE PEOPLE  
GODS PROMISE TO HIS PEOPLE**

And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, WHO WILL FEED YOU with knowledge and understanding. **Jeremiah 3:15**

**JESUS' CALL TO PETER IN MINISTRY**

<sup>15</sup> So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You. "He said to him, "FEED MY LAMBS." **John 21:15**

**GOD HONORS THE TEACHING AND PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD.**

**THE MAN WHO HONORS THE WORD OF GOD - GOD WILL HONOR THAT MAN  
THE MINISTRY THAT HONORS THE WORD OF GOD - GOD WILL HONOR THAT MINISTRY**

**IN EVERY GENERATION THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST RISES OR FALLS WITH ITS PULPIT.**

**THE PULPIT IS THE THRONE FOR THE WORD OF GOD - MARTIN LUTHER  
NO CHURCH, NO DENOMINATION NO MOVEMENT RISES ANY HIGHER THAN ITS  
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD.**

**YOUR CONGREGATION WILL NEVER RESPECT THE BIBLE MORE THAN YOU DO.**

**IF YOUR LISTENERS ARE TO RECEIVE THE TRUTH ATTENTIVELY  
YOUR PREACHING DEMANDS YOUR HOLY REVERENCE.**

**"WE TRAIN PEOPLE HOW TO READ THEIR BIBLES BY THE WAY, WE TEACH THEM."**

**OVER THE CENTURIES EVERY ALTERING ERA OF CHURCH HISTORY HAS BEEN DEFINED BY THE GREATNESS OF ITS PREACHING. AND EVERY SPIRITUALLY LOW SEASON HAS BEEN MARKED BY A FAMINE IN THE LAND OF HEARING THE WORD OF GOD.**

**A RESPONSE AND A REVIVAL FROM THE WORD OF GOD**

So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense (the meaning) and helped them to understand the reading. **Nehemiah 8:8**

**WHAT MAKES EXPOSITORY PREACHING EXPOSITORY IS THAT ITS EXEGETICAL – IT'S FROM THE TEXT – READ EXPLAIN AND APPLY - IT HELPS PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE WORD!**

**6 PRINCIPLES FOR EXPOSITORY PREACHING**

**I. THE PREACHER'S PRIORITY**

**PREACHING IS TO CAUSE THE LISTENERS "TO BEHOLD THE GLORY OF GOD"**

EVERY SERMON SHOULD BE A CORONATION SERVICE IN WHICH YOU CROWN THE MAJESTY OF GOD BEFORE AWESTRUCK EYES OF THE CONGREGATION. AS YOU STAND TO PREACH UNVEIL THE SPLENDOR OF GOD THAT IS FOUND IN YOUR TEXT AND DECLARE,  
**"HERE IS YOUR GOD" IS. 40:9**

GOD IS THE CHIEF SUBJECT IN THE BIBLE  
WE APPROACH SCRIPTURES SEARCHING FOR WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT GOD!

WE MUST PREACH THE GLORY OF GOD FIRST AND FOREMOST  
 BEFORE WE DECLARE ANYTHING ELSE AND PRIORITIZE GOD FOR WHO HE IS.

**IF OUR PREACHING IS TO BE POWERFUL, WE MUST BE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE  
 DECLARATION OF GOD.**

**DR. MARTIN LOYD JONES RAISED A QUESTION "WHAT IS THE CHIEF END OF PREACHING?"  
 HIS ANSWER WAS "IT IS TO GIVE MEN AND WOMEN A SENSE OF GODS PRESENCE".**

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF ANY CHURCH IS DIRECTLY SHAPED BUT ITS KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

OUR SERMONS SHOULD ALWAYS ELEVATE GOD AND LEAD **THE PEOPLE INTO THE  
 KNOWLEDGE OF GOD** AND OF JESUS OUR LORD – HIS ATTRIBUTES – TO KNOW GOD!  
 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory  
 both now and forever. Amen **2 Peter 3:18**

**"THE TRINITARIAN NATURE OF PREACHING IS THAT WE PROCLAIM THE GLORY OF GOD THE  
 FATHER, WE DECLARE THE CROSS OF GOD THE SON AND WE DO IN THE POWER OF GOD THE  
 SPIRIT"**

OUR PREACHING MUST BE SATURATED WITH THE AWESOMENESS OF GOD.  
 WE MUST DECLARE THAT GOD EXISTS AND REIGNS OVER ALL CREATION – THAT HE TOWERS  
 OVER THE NATIONS. HE RULES OVER EVERY HUMAN LIFE AND ETERNAL DESTINY.

**"THE LORD REIGNS" MUST BE HEARD FROM EVERY PULPIT.**

The Lord reigns: Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad! **Psalms 97:1**

## II. THE PREACHER'S PREPARATION

BEFORE YOU CAN PREPARE THE SERMON - FIRST YOU MUST PREPARE YOUR OWN HEART.

ITS NOT ONLY ABOUT PREPARING THE SERMON BUT ITS ABOUT PREPARING THE HEART  
**EZRA PREPARED HIS HEART**

**THE MOMENT WAS PREPARED FOR THE MAN AND THE MAN FOR THE MOMENT**  
 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes  
 and ordinances in Israel. **Ezra 7:10**

**YOUR LIFE MUST BE RIGHT BEFORE YOUR SERMON CAN BE RIGHT.**

**AS A RESULT, YOU NEED TO BE WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENGAGED IN  
YOUR PURSUIT OF KNOWING GOD AND WALKING IN HOLINESS.**

**MINISTRY IS THE OVERFLOW OF YOUR TIME WITH GOD  
YOUR FIRST MINISTRY IS TO HEAR FROM GOD**

**NO PREACHER CAN TAKE THEIR LISTENERS SPIRITUALLY WHERE HE HAS NOT ALREADY GONE,  
NOR ADEQUATELY TEACH WHAT HE HAS NOT LEARNED AND LIVED.**

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth. **2 Tim 2:15**

**"YOU ARE NOTHING EXCEPT WHAT YOU ARE BEFORE THE THRONE IN PRAYER"**

**BETHANY JONES SAID OF HER HUSBAND MARTYN LLOYD JONES, "YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE  
TO UNDERSTAND MY HUSBAND AS AN EVANGELIST UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND HIM AS A MAN  
OF PRAYER"**

**"I'D RATHER TEACH ONE MAN TO PRAY THAN TEN MEN TO PREACH." – CHARLES SPURGEON**

**"I WILL BE NO GOOD TO ANY MAN IF I DON'T SPEND TIME BEFORE GOD"**

**GOD WILL NOT FILL THOSE WHO ARE ALWAYS IN A HURRY – MOST OF US NEED TO REPENT OF  
OUR BUSINESS**

**SOME PEOPLE DESIRE TO BE SEEN BEFORE MEN AND ARE RARELY SEEN BEFORE THE  
PRESENCE OF GOD.**

### **III. THE PREACHER'S PROCLAMATION**

#### **A.) PREACH WITH HUMILITY**

**TO DELIVER A POWERFUL MESSAGE YOU MUST BE UNDER THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST.  
THIS REQUIRES WALKING IN HUMBLE SUBMISSION AND PURSUING PERSONAL GODLINESS.**

**"God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5**

**PREACHERS WHO HAVE DIED TO SELF - BEST PROCLAIM THE A RISEN SAVIOR.**

**"THE LOWLIEST PREACHER, BEST HERALDS A LOFTY GOD"**

#### **B.) PREACH WITH AUTHORITY**

***IMPARTED AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE***

**REAL PREACHING COMES WITH THE FORCE OF AUTHORITY OF GOD WHO BINDS THE  
CONSCIENCE AND COMMANDS THE WILL OF THE LISTENER.**

YOU'RE NOT PREACHING BY LIFE EXPERIENCE - YOU ARE PREACHING BY DIVINE AUTHORITY

**PREACHING THAT DOES NOT DISPLAY DIVINE AUTHORITY BOTH IN ITS CONTENT AND IN ITS MANNER IS NOT THE SUBSTANCE BUT ONLY THE SHADOW OF THE REAL THINGS. - J. I PACKER**

### **C.) PREACHING WITH CLARITY**

**YOU SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD WHEN YOU PREACH**

For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? **1 Cor 14:8**

EXPOSITORY PREACHING MEANS MAKING GODS WORD PLAIN. IT'S MATTERS NOT HOW PRECISE AND PROFOUND YOUR SERMONS IS IF YOU ARE UNCLEAR TO THE LISTENERS.

**THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY AND HOW YOU'RE GOING TO SAY IT**

<sup>9</sup> And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs. <sup>10</sup> The Preacher sought to find acceptable words (just the right words); and what was written was upright - words of truth.

**Ecc 12:9-10**

AN EXPOSITORY PREACHER PROFESSING A HIGH VIEW OF INSPIRATION SHOULD RESPECT THE POWER OF WORDS.

YOUR PRESENTATION SHOULD BE LINEAR AND NOT CIRCULAR, STRUCTURED AND NOT SCATTERED.

**PLAIN PREACHING IS A PRIORITY FOR ANY EFFECTIVE SERMON.**

GOOD PREACHING BEGINS WITH CLARITY OF CONTENT

**AND CLARITY OF CONTENT BEGINS WITH A SINGLE EASY TO RECOGNIZE THEME.**

RESIST BECOMING SO FOCUSED ON THE MICROS THAT YOU LOSE SIGHT OF THE MACRO.  
(THE MAIN IDEA)

### **D.) PREACH WITH SIMPLICITY**

THIS REQUIRES HAVING A CLEARLY IDENTIFIED CENTRAL THEME.

YOUR SERMONS MUST HAVE ONE DOMINANT THRUST.

OTHERWISE, YOUR MESSAGE WILL STILL BE DISJOINTED AND DISCONNECTED.  
IF PEOPLE CANNOT FOLLOW YOU, IT MATTERS LITTLE HOW CORRECT YOU ARE.

**"TO MAKE HARD THINGS SEEM HARD IS WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL  
BUT TO MAKE HARD THINGS SEEM EASY AND INTELLIGIBLE  
IS A HEIGHT ATTAINED BY VERY FEW SPEAKERS"**

**EFFECTIVE IS THE PREACHER WHO CAN EXPLAIN PROFOUND TRUTH IN A SIMPLE WAY.**

### **E.) PREACH WITH CONTINUITY**

STAYING ON TRACK IS NECESSARY AND STAYING ON MESSAGE IS VITAL

**TO BE EFFECTIVE YOU NEED TO BE LINEAR IN YOUR THINKING AS YOU DELIVER THE MESSAGE. (YOU'RE TAKING THE PEOPLE SOMEWHERE)**

**A CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE SERMON STRUCTURE IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT (I.II.III.) AND A DISCERNIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF WHAT YOU ARE PRESENTING IS ALSO ESSENTIAL.**

**UNITY – ORDER – PROGRESS → SERMONIC FLOW**

#### **F.) PREACH WITH SOBRIETY**

**DELIVER THE SERMON AS THOUGH LIFE AND ALL ETERNITY, HEAVEN AND HELL ARE HANGING IN THE BALANCE.**

**EVERY WORD IS WEIGHTED WITH GRAVITY**

**YOU UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF PREACHING**

**WE ARE PREACHING FOR ETERNITY - YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR THE KING.**

**YOU ARE REPRESENTING THE SOVEREIGN ONE NOT YOURSELF.**

**GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO BE AN EXPOSITOR NOT AN ENTERTAINER.**

**YOU MUST TAKE THE WORD OF GOD SERIOUSLY WHEN YOU DO, PEOPLE WILL DO THE SAME.**

### **IV. THE PREACHERS PASSION**

#### **A.) PEACH WITH FERVENCY**

**PASSION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ANY PULPIT PRESENTATION OF TRUTH.**

**WITHOUT PASSION A SERMON BECOMES A DRY AS DUST LECTURE.**

**YOU MUST BE EXCITED AND ENERGIZED BY THE TRUTH YOU PREACH.**

**IF THE MESSAGE IS TO BURN ITS WAY INTO THE HEARTS OF YOUR LISTENERS  
YOU MUST BE FERVENT IN YOUR DELIVERY.**

**YOUR MESSAGE WILL BE CONTAGIOUS TO YOUR LISTENERS WHEN YOU ARE FULL OF ZEAL,  
IGNITED BY THE TRUTH.**

**DISPASSIONATE PREACHING REVEALS THE PREACHER'S LUKEWARM HEART TOWARD THE  
TRUTH. PREACHING IN MONOTONE IS NOT PREACHING AT ALL.**

**A DULL DELIVERY IS PREACHING IN NAME ONLY NOT IN DYNAMIC REALITY.**

**GENUINE PASSION MAKES THE SERMON COMPELLING. ZEAL IN THE PREACHER CONVEYS THE  
IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER.**

**PASSION IS LIKE THE TIP OF THE SPEAR THAT GIVES THE MESSAGE A SHARP POINT  
TO PENETRATE HEARTS.**

#### **B.) PREACH WITH INTENSITY**

**YOUR BODY AND YOUR VOICE MUST BE MARKED BY INTENSITY.**

TRUE PREACHING REQUIRES A VIBRANT AND VIVID DISPLAY OF INTENSITY. AS YOU STAND IN THE PULPIT YOUR LIVELINESS MUST BE SEEN AND FELT BY YOUR LISTENERS.

THERE NEEDS TO BE A VIGOR IN YOUR DELIVERY.  
THE PULPIT IS NOT A PLACE FOR RELAXED CHATTING.  
**WE ARE HANDLING ISSUES OF ETERNAL LIFE AND DEATH.**

**THERE IS NOTHING WORSE THAN A DEAD PREACHER SPEAKING TO DEAD SINNERS  
THE LIVING TRUTHS OF A LIVING GOD.**

“YOUR ARDENT SPIRIT SHOULD INFLAME YOUR LISTENERS”

#### **C.) PREACH WITH URGENCY**

**YOUR PREACHING MUST ALSO COME WITH A COMPELLING SENSE OF URGENCY**

**IMPRESS ON YOUR LISTENERS THAT THEY MUST RESPOND TO THE MESSAGE NOW!!**

CONVEY THE IMMEDIACY OF THE MOMENT!  
YOUR MESSAGE REQUIRES ACTION TODAY - NOT TOMORROW.

IF THE PREACHER DOES NOT SUGGEST THIS SENSE OF URGENCY THAT HE IS THERE BETWEEN GOD AND MEN SPEAKING BETWEEN TIME AND ETERNITY HE HAS NO BUSINESS TO BE IN A PULPIT.

**YOU MUST PRESS FOR A RESPONSE** - LIKE A LAWYER ADDRESSING THE JURY YOU MUST CALL FOR THEIR VERDICT TODAY.

#### **D.) PREACH WITH VARIETY**

THERE SHOULD BE A RANGE IN YOUR VOICE AND VOCABULARY.

THE FLUCTUATION OF YOUR VOICE IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF YOUR SERMON DELIVERY AND OFTEN DEPENDS ON THE TONE OF YOUR PASSAGE.

**THROUGHOUT THE SERMON YOUR VOICE SHOULD RISE AND FALL  
WITH BOTH A PROPHETIC EDGE AND A PASTORAL TOUCH.**

THERE SHOULD BE PEAKS AND VALLEYS ON THE TONE OF YOUR DELIVERY AND A RANGE SPECTRUM IN YOUR VOICE FROM LOUD TO SOFT AND BACK TO LOUD AGAIN.

#### **E.) PREACH WITH PERSONALITY**

BE YOURSELF NOT SOMEONE ELSE - BE NATURAL - PREACH WITH YOUR OWN STYLE  
**GOD DOES NOT ANOINT IMITATIONS**

#### **F.) PREACH WITH SENSITIVITY**

YOU SHOULD FEEL A GENUINE CONCERN FOR YOUR LISTENERS.  
**THEY MUST SENSE YOUR LOVE FOR THEM AS YOU EXPAND SCRIPTURE.**

SHOW YOU GENUINELY DESIRE THE BEST FOR THEM.

THE GOAL OF OUR INSTRUCTION **IS LOVE.**

**TRUTH PREACHED IN LOVE WINS A HEARING WITH THE CONGREGATION.**

**GENUINE LOVE IS DEMONSTRATED WITH A WARM COUNTENANCE IN THE PULPIT.**

IT'S CONVEYED WITH A CARING HEART OF CONCERN

AND EXPRESSED WITH DIRECT EYE CONTACT THAT IS PERSONAL.

**DON'T PREACH TO YOUR NOTES PREACH TO THE PEOPLE**

IT'S EXPRESSED WITH WORDS OF EMPATHY AND MADE KNOWN WITH SINCERE VOICE OF COMPASSION.

#### **G.) PREACH WITH VISIBILITY**

A SERMONS IS NOT ONLY HEARD IT'S ALSO SEEN.  
DELIVER THE MESSAGE WITH FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

DON'T HAVE A PROLONGED DEATH GRIP ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PULPIT.

HOW YOU USE YOUR GESTURES IN PREACHING IS A CRITICAL FACTOR IN AN EFFECTIVE DELIVERY. YOU NEED TO HAVE NATURAL FREEDOM WITH THE USE OF YOUR HANDS IN A WAY THAT IS CONGRUENT WITH YOUR MESSAGE.

#### **H.) PREACH WITH DIGNITY**

DRESS IN A MANNER THAT CONVEYS THE IMPORTANCE OF WHO HAS COMMISSIONED YOU AND THE ROYAL MESSAGE YOU HAVE TO PREACH.

YOU ARE A ROYAL SPOKESMEN OF JESUS CHRIST REPRESENTING HIM BEFORE HUMANKIND.

A SLOPPY APPEARANCE OF OVERLY CASUAL DRESS BETRAYS THE ETERNAL IMPORTANCE OF THE MESSAGE YOU PROCLAIM.

PRESENT YOURSELF AS ONE WHO HAS A HIGH CALLING ON YOUR LIFE.

**GIVE THE VISUAL IMPRESSION THAT YOU HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL MESSAGE.**

**YOUR ATTIRE SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE SACRED TRUST THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU, BY GOD.**

**GOD IS THE GOD OF BEAUTY AND ORDER - YOUR PRESENCE SHOULD REFLECT THAT.**  
YOUR PRESENTATION MATTERS

#### **V. THE PREACHERS PERSUASSION**

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. **2 Tim 4:2**

#### **A.) CONNECT TWO WORLDS**

WITH ONE HAND YOU REACH BACK AND LAY HOLD OF THE EARLY WORLD OF THE BIBLE AND WITH THE OTHER HAND YOU REACH FORWARD AND LAY HOLD OF LISTENERS BEFORE YOU AND THE WORLD IN WHICH THEY LIVE. – JOHN STOTT  
BRIDGE THE GAP AND CONNECT THE ANCIENT WORLD OF THE BIBLE WITH THE MODERN WORLD.

BRING THE WISDOM OF SCRIPTURE TO BEAR UPON THE PRESENT-DAY ISSUES.  
WHERE THERE IS NO APPLICATION THERE IS NO SERMON – ITS ONLY A LECTURE

#### **B.) CONFRONT THE CARNAL**

ONE OF YOUR CHIEF CONCERNS IS TO EXPOSE SIN IN THE LIVES OF YOUR LISTENERS. IF YOU ARE TO PREACH LIKE JESUS CONFRONTING PERSONAL SIN MUST BE A CRITICAL PART OF YOUR APPLICATION.

UNTIL SIN IS EXPOSED AND ADDRESSED THE TRUTH REMAINS AT A SUPERFICIAL LEVEL.

DO YOU SEEK EXPOSE SIN IN THE LIVES OF YOUR LISTENERS?  
DO YOU REVEAL THE UGLINESS OF SIN?

#### **C.) WARN THE WAYWARD**

YOUR PREACHING MUST CONTAIN THIS ELEMENT OF WARNING THE WAYWARD. CAUTION THEM OF THE DEVASTATION THAT AWAITS IF THEY TRAVEL DOWN THE WRONG PATH.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 Tim 3:16-17**

#### **D.) URGE THE UNDECIDED**

TO BE EFFECTIVE PREACHING IT MUST GO BEYOND INSTRUCTION TO EXHORTATION

IN SOME WAYS YOUR PREACHING MUST BE COMPELLING AND ADDRESSED NOT ONLY THE MIND BUT ALSO THE HEART AND THE WILL.

COMPELLING THEM TO RESPOND TO THE MESSAGE.

IF THERE IS NO EXHORTATION THERE IS NO TRUE EXPOSITORY PREACHING.

#### **E.) CALL THE UNCONVERTED**

IT CONVEYS THE IDEA OF WINNING SOMEONE OVER TO BELIEVE SOMETHING AND ACT ACCORDINGLY IN A DECISIVE WAY.

IT MEANS TO CONVINCE BY ARGUMENT - TO CALL ANOTHER PERSON TO BELIEVE.  
IF THERE IS NO PERSUASION, THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD IN THE HEART OF THE PREACHING



PREACHING WITH PERSUASION IS NOT ACCIDENTAL BUT FOUNDATIONAL TO ANY EFFECTIVE  
PREACHING → **WE MUST PERSUADE PEOPLE TO THE TRUTH.**

#### **F.) COMFORT THE DOWNCAST**

THOSE WHO PREACH MUST BRING COMFORT TO THE HURTING HEARTS.

THEY MUST APPLY SCRIPTURE AND BRING GODS PEACE TO DISCOURAGED SOULS.

COMFORT THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING PERSECUTION AND TRIALS

**DO YOU PURPOSELY SEEK TO COMFORT TROUBLED SOULS IN YOUR PREACHING.**

ARE YOU SENSITIVE TO THOSE WHO ARE DOWNCAST?

#### **G.) STRENGTHEN THE WEAK**

BUILD PEOPLE UP WITH SPIRITUAL FORTITUDE - ATTEMPT TO UPLIFT THEIR SOULS

THE PREACHING OF THE WORD FORTIFIES BELIEVERS WITH SPIRITUAL STAMINA TO  
UNDERGIRD THEM IN THEIR FAITH.

**ONE OF YOUR CHIEF GOALS IN PREACHING MUST BE TO EMBOLDEN YOUR HEARERS BY THE  
EXPOSITION OF THE WORD.**

ATTEMPT TO EDIFY THEM AS YOU SEEK TO CONVICT AND CHALLENGE!

#### **H.) EQUIPT THE SERVANTS**

THE WORD THAT IS PREACHED SHOULD PREPARE BELIEVERS TO BE EFFECTIVELY USED IN GOD  
SERVICE.

**YOUR BIBLICAL PREACHING MUST TRAIN THEM FOR MINISTRY IN THE LORD**

YOUR PREACHING SHOULD ALSO EQUIP PEOPLE IN THEIR WITNESS TO UNBELIEVERS,

**TEACHING THEM THE ESSENTIAL TRUTHS OF THE GOSPEL AND TRAINING THEM IN SHARING  
CHRIST WITH OTHERS.**

#### **I.) ASSURE THE DOUBTERS**

GIVE PEOPLE THE ASSURANCE OF THEIR SALVATION

YOU SHOULD TEACH TO HELP PEOPLE GENUINE BELIEVERS GAIN TRUE ASSURANCE OF  
SALVATION IN THEIR HEARTS.

**THE CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD IS THE RESULT OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL WITH CLARITY  
AND FAITHFULNESS**

IN YOUR EXPOSITION, DO YOU ADDRESS YOUR CONGREGATION REGARDING THE LEGITIMATE  
BASIS FOR TRUE ASSURANCE OF THEIR SALVATION?

#### **J.) AWAKEN THE SLEEPING**

PREACHING SHOULD BE LIKE A TRUMPET BLAST THAT SOUNDS AN AWAKENING ALARM.

IT SHOULD AROUSE AND CAPTURE THE ATTENTION OF SPIRITUALLY SLUMBERING PEOPLE.  
RATHER THAN PUTTING PEOPLE TO SLEEP YOUR EXPOSITION MUST AWAKEN THEM.

**IT SHOULD STIMULATE THEIR MINDS, ENLIVEN THEIR SOULS AND EXCITE THEIR HEARTS.**

**IT SHOULD RAISE THEIR AFFECTIONS TO LIVE FOR JESUS CHRIST.**

**IT SHOULD SET THEM ON FIRE AND ENERGIZE THEM TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RENEWED VIGOR TO PURSUE THE WILL OF GOD.**

**DO YOUR EXPOSITIONS COME WITH A DYNAMIC THAT AROUSES SLUMBERING SAINTS WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY LETHARGIC?**

**DOES YOUR PREACHING SEND A WAKEUP CALL TO THE DROWSY IN YOUR CONGREGATION?**

**ARE YOU MINDFUL OF INSPIRING BELIEVERS TO PURSUE HOLINESS WITH GREATER RESOLVE?**

#### **K.) EVANGELIZE THE LOST**

**EXPOSITORS ARE CHARGED TO BE SOUL WINNERS; BIBLE PREACHERS MUST SEEK TO WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST.**

**CONSIDER THE PREACHING OF JESUS - HE REPEATEDLY URGED THE UNBELIEVERS TO COMMIT THEIR LIVES TO HIM.**

**But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Tim 4:5**

#### **VI. THE PREACHERS POWER**

**TRUE PREACHING HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE DEEPLY AWARE OF YOUR DEPENDENCY UPON THE SPIRIT OF GOD.**

**WE ARE WEAK AND MUST REST IN THE ALL-SUFFICIENT ENERGY OF GODS SPIRIT. IF OUR PREACHING IS TO HAVE POWER, IT WILL BE IN POWER AND IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**UNCTION IS GOD GIVING POWER AND ENABLING THROUGH THE SPIRIT SO THAT THE PREACHER BECOMES THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH THE SPIRIT WORKS.**

**For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.**

**1 Thess 1:5**

**AN EXCLUSIVE RELIANCE UPON HUMAN TALENT AND NATURAL SKILL IS UTTERLY INSUFFICIENT TO DO WHAT IS REQUIRED IN THE PULPIT**

**"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5**

**IF THE PREACHER IS FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD - GOD WILL UNLEASH HIS POWER IN THE SERMON.**

**REPLY UPON THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - AS YOU DO GOD WILL BE HONORED IN YOUR EXPOSITIONS!**