EXPOSITORY PREACHING: HOW TO DO IT

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I. PRIORITIZING

II. PONDERING

III. PREPARING

1. FIND THE DOMINANT THOUGHT

2. ARRANGE MATERIAL TO SERVE DOMINANT THOUGHT

IV. PERSUADING

1. CLEAR, UNDERSTANDABLE, LANGUAGE

2. GOOD INTRODUCTION

3. HUMOR

4. ILLUSTRATIONS

V. PERSONALIZING

AL MOHLER'S INTERVIEW WITH JOHN STOTT:

"IN MY EARLY DAYS I USED TO THINK THAT MY BUSINESS WAS TO EXPOUND AND EXEGETE THE TEXT; I AM AFRAID I LEFT THE APPLICATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. IT IS AMAZING HOW YOU CAN CONCEAL YOUR LAZINESS WITH A LITTLE PIOUS PHRASEOLOGY! THE HOLY SPIRIT CERTAINLY CAN AND DOES APPLY THE WORD FOR THE PEOPLE. BUT IT IS WRONG TO DENY OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY IN THE APPLICATION OF THE WORD. ALL GREAT PREACHERS UNDERSTAND THIS. THEY FOCUS ON THE CONCLUSION, ON THE APPLICATION OF THE TEXT. THIS IS WHAT THE PURITANS CALLED 'PREACHING THROUGH TO THE HEART.' THIS IS HOW MY OWN PREACHING HAS CHANGED. I HAVE LEARNED TO ADD APPLICATION TO EXPOSITION & THIS IS BRIDGE-BUILDING ACROSS THE CHASM"