

Preparation for Preaching

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I. Introduction.

- A. There is power in preaching
- B. Many pastors do not know how to go about preaching.

II. Marks of expository preaching.

- A. It is thoughtful. There is an eternal answer in the Word to the new problems we face.
- B. It is courageous.
 - 1. If you stay with a truth long enough, it will regain popularity.
 - 2. One need not fear speaking on a subject if he is convinced it is in the Word of God.
- C. It is sincere. This looks to the passion that one has.
- D. It is humble.
- E. Preaching deals with reality in all the endeavors of life.

III. Expository preaching derives its content from the Scriptures itself to discover its divinely intended meaning to observe its effect on those who first received it to apply it to those who seek its guidance in the present. The key is that the text is speaking; it is not the preacher's ideas.

IV. The steps to preaching.

- A. Choose a passage from the Bible or a whole book, which is preferable because it is already balanced with regard to truth.
- B. Choose a passage in light of the needs of a congregation.
- C. Create a general outline of the book.
- D. Choose a manageable preaching section.
- E. Look for help with theological and linguistic matters through Bible background books.
- F. Develop an exegetical outline. Outlines are logical ways to track the argument of a text.
- G. Spend some time in commentaries.
- H. Preaching notes are to be prepared loosely on the exegetical outline so that one can give the message to others.

I. The heart and body is to be prepared for preaching.

Application questions:

1. What is expository preaching?

2. Why is expository preaching important? What would be an example of a sermon that is not expository?

3. Which steps stand out to you in the process for expository preaching? What strikes you?
