

PREPARING AND PRESENTING THE MESSAGE (continued)

METHODS OF PRESENTATION.

No 2 – TOPICAL (Dealing with a subject)

Essentials to remember-

- a. You cannot EXHAUST your subject, so don't try (e.g. the Love of God).
- b. You must KNOW your subject (you are trying to teach others).
- c. You must THINK all around your subject, so that your knowledge is not one sided.
- d. You must DECIDE from what angle you will tackle it.
- e. You must consider verses of Scripture that seem to oppose the line of teaching you are taking.

Hints on presentation:-

- a. In Topical preaching particularly there is a danger of being dry and of repeating well worn phrases.
- b. Try to find a GOOD TEXT that sums up not only the subject but the aspect of it you are taking.
- c. Get a framework from your collected information.
- d. Make definite points, illustrate them, prove them and apply them.
- e. An undigested mass of information, however good in itself, is particularly uninteresting and uninstructional in this type of preaching.

SHOW ITS RELEVANCE TO LIFE

No 3 – STORY, PARABLE or INCIDENT

Essentials to remember-

- a. You must KNOW the story (read, read, read it).
- b. You must 'SEE' the story happening (use your imagination).
- c. You must make BACKGROUND details clear (e.g. woman at the well).
- d. You must GET INSIDE the story; this makes it live and is the secret of telling it.
- e. You must BE SURE the people know or get to know the story.

Hints on presentation:-

- a. It is often HELPFUL TO GET A TEXT from the story.
- b. Work until you get the real AIM of the story (context is vital – e.g. The Prodigal Son).
- c. With parables, read on to discover whether our Lord gave the interpretation (e.g. the Sower and the seed).
- d. Fanciful interpretation should be avoided; do not overdo detailed spiritualizing and be consistent with it.
- e. The application is often best done as you go along (this is essential for children). Occasionally, with adults, it can be left till last (e.g. David and Nathan).

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Homework – Prepare a talk to children on the story of the man sick of the palsy, brought to the Lord by his four friends. Give the outline and mention any points you find difficult.