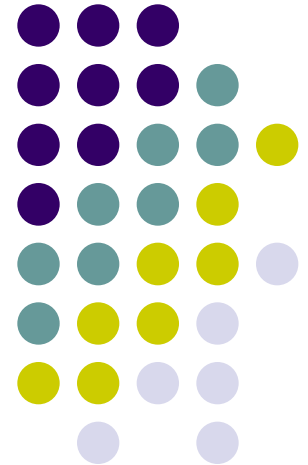


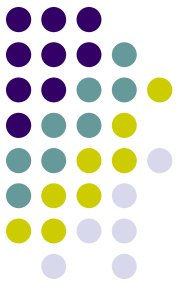
MECHANICS OF GOSPEL PREACHING



TEN BASIC GUIDELINES WHEN PREPARING TO PREACH

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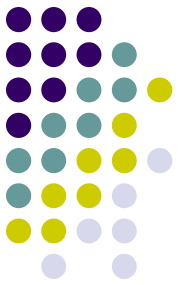




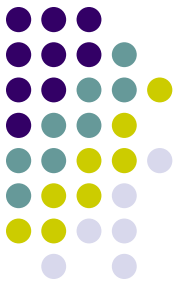
1. BE AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

- The **first approach** to preaching is to **seek God** first of his Message for the Day – **be prayerful** and **ask God to discern what His people needs.**
- It may be helpful to **go to a quiet place,** and to **read the Bible,** until God leads you to a **topical inspiration.**

2. PREACHING IS NOT A SHOW OR PERFORMANCE

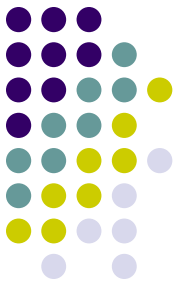


- Remind yourself that preaching is not a “performance”. It isn’t about you nor about your ability to please a crowd into a spiritual frenzy.
- Any thought that parallels to “what do they think of me?” must be put out of your mind.
- Focus on God’s Word, not on whether the crowd is being entertained or bored.
- Don’t impress people by too long prayers. Be specific and be direct.



3. DO NOT OVER-PREPARE

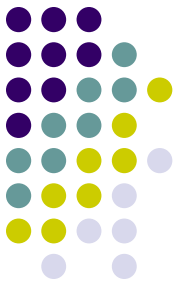
- Give some chance for the Holy Spirit to speak out of the “box”.
- Do not be tied up to your notes.
- The Spirit of God will let you sense what is occurring amongst the people. He may lead you to feel a burden, a yearning or to give an outstanding testimony. Merge them with your sermons as you see fit, for God’s glory.



4. BE YOURSELF

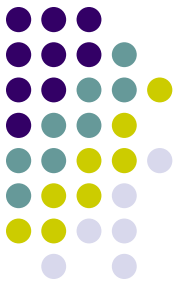
- Don't be something which you are not.
- Be honest.
- Be humble.
- Don't be a smart-aleck or a "know-it-all".

5. DON'T RUSH

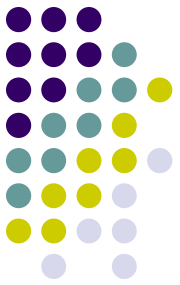


- Take time to clarify the context of your sermon.
- You may need to define a “word” or “phrase”, or simply give a typology to a topic as in a parable.
- Don't forget to cite the importance of the topic you are discussing (i.e. *New Birth*) to the people
- State some related facts, events, and experiences to build up your topic.

6. PROJECT YOUR VOICE

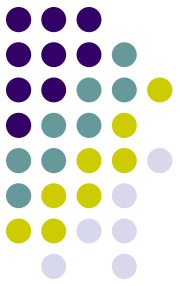


- Don't mumble.
- Preaching may not be a performance but you need to be heard and be understood clearly and audibly.
- Try to emphasize significant points by raising the level of your voice, by shouting, or by simply pounding on the pulpit.



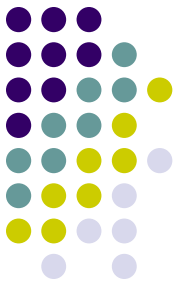
7. BE INTIMATE

- Make your sermon personal as if you're talking to a very dear friend whom you love and care so much.
- Create and establish a personal relationship with your audience
- Show concern to every one by telling them the love of Jesus, and that He died for their sins and is willing to forgive them of their transgressions.



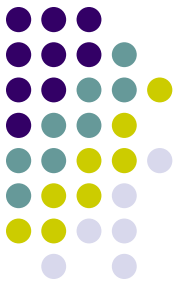
8. ENCOURAGE GODLINESS & ZEAL

- Uphold holiness.
- Set the people's heart on fire for God.
- Encourage the weak.
- Praise the work of those who are tying their best to serve the Lord.
- Build-up the people's faith through the revealed Word.



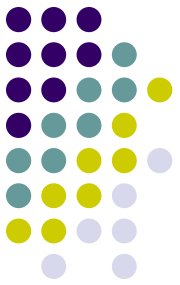
9. CONVICT PEOPLE OF THEIR SINS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY

- Love the sinner, but hate their sin.
- Expose the works of the flesh as against the works of the Spirit.
- Show the contrast of good and evil, and clarify the consequences of both (you reap what you sow).
- Enumerate Biblical characters that will show the difference.



10. OFFER A WAY BACK TO GOD

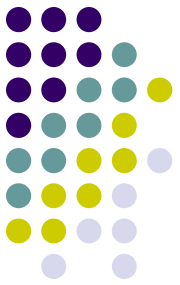
- Win back people's souls to God through repentance and restitution.
- Always point out that “whatsoever a man soweth, that he shall also reap.”
- Show them the way of salvation - what must they do to be saved, and how they can really be assured of their salvation.
- Show them that Jesus loves them and is longing to have fellowship with them (type of the prodigal son).



THE GOALS OF PREACHING

- **1. INFORMATION** (Creating awareness on the Word, introducing the Message to the people)
- **2. INSTRUCTION** (Acquisition of Knowledge and Understanding the Mysteries of the Scriptures)
- **3. ACCEPTANCE** (By faith people must be lead to believe that the Word is our Absolute)
- **4. MOTIVATION** (building inspiration and offering an invitation for people to receive Christ)
- **5. PERSUASION** (The application of Biblical principles in order to prepare people for the soon coming King)

10 BASIC ELEMENTS OF A SERMON



- **1. SCRIPTURE READING** (contextual – i.e. **John 3:3**)
- **2. OPENING PRAYER** (dedication of the service)
- **3. TITLE/DEFINITION** (example: “**New Birth**”)
- **4. SIGNIFICANCE** (seeing/entering the Kingdom)
- **5. COMPONENTS OR PROCESSES** (**water, blood, spirit**)
(**justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost**)
- **6. EXAMPLES** (*Types and Shadows* – **earth**: Noah, Jesus, Armageddon; **Wheat**: tassel, stalk, shuck, grain)
- **7. RELATED EXPERIENCES** (*birth pains, mess, flesh versus Spirit*)
- **8. CONCLUSION** (*Except a man be born again, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven*)
- **9. CLOSING PRAYER** (consecration)
- **10. INVITATION** (**Altar Call**, invite people to come and receive Jesus, the Sabbath of their soul)