

Preacher and Teacher Training

A Look at How to Preach and Teach the Bible

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ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY COURSE

*“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us
go on unto perfection”
Hebrews 6:1*

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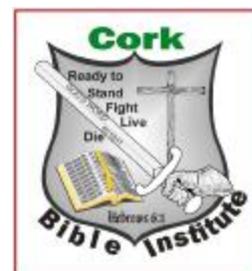


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Class Requirements

This is a class that will primarily help young men prepare to preach. It will however, be invaluable for anyone wanting to teach the Bible as well, since every preacher is called to teach his audience while preaching God's truths.

Requirements To Complete This Class:

1. Keep these notes in an A4 binder.
2. Fill in the blanks in these notes.
3. Take notes during class.
4. Take notes during the Pastor's preaching time, or while attending a Bible Class, listing the main points being taught, and your observations at how they were taught.
5. Look up and read all the verses in the material as you read through the material.
6. T-H-I-N-K as you read this material. It will be a blessing to you, and it will also change your life.
7. Take all the Pop-Quizzes, and have a passing average score of 70%
8. Take the Final Exam, and make at least 70%
9. Complete the Class Projects

Your overall score for the class will consist of the following components:

25%	Quality of notes taken
25%	Average Pop-Quiz scores
25%	Class Projects
25%	Final Exam

This class will be recorded, so the sessions will be available for listening to via CD's, but they will cost €3 each.

Suggested books for your personal Library include:

What Every Preacher Should Know, by Hugh Pyle

Class Projects will be assigned throughout this course

For Teachers, a follow-up class will be taught on more Teaching particulars, especially on the use of teaching helps.

Preacher and Teacher Training

A Study of The Preacher and His Preaching

Lesson Nine

Lesson Verse: Acts 5:42

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”

Introduction

I. Introduction

- A. The study of _____
1. Simply, it is the study of *how to preach God's word*
 2. When we prepare to preach, we need to prepare to PREACH!
- B. What is a PREACHER?
1. He is someone who stands up and speaks the truth – God's truth
 2. In the Old Testament, he was known as a _____
 3. The same in the New Testament – speaks God's WORD, and teaches what GOD thinks, and what GOD expects of this ungodly generation
 4. He reaches his generation – not worried about those who are dead, and the “good old times” but those right around him!
- C. There is a lot to preaching (1Cor 2:1-5)
1. Not in being fancy, eloquent, and impressive
 2. But by prayer, and a God-given ability to speak straight up and provoke *change* in the lives of the hearers
 3. It may cost you everything to be able to preach the truth
 - a. About the wickedness of this world – name sins like, homosexuality
 - b. About holiness and modesty and righteousness (2Tim 2:19; John the Baptist, Mark 6)
 - c. About the coming anti-christ and one-world government
 4. You have to have some BACKBONE, courage, and confidence that THIS BOOK IS RIGHT!
 5. Being able to PREACH God's word doesn't just come naturally with most of us (a lot of women sure can “preach” but not GOD'S way)!
 - a. That's why Jesus TAUGHT His disciples how to preach
 - b. And Jesus personally taught Paul
 - c. And Paul personally taught Timothy
 - d. And Paul expected Timothy to teach faithful men, etc

Background

- A. The _____ of Preaching
1. It is NOT the following:
 - a. NOT giving out of just information – not a class – even though it supplies absolute truth and information
 - b. NOT entertainment – even though it may be entertaining, and needs to be attracting

- c. NOT a religious exercise – just something that is done on a Sunday
 - d. NOT being done well today in most churches
2. The goal of preaching IS the enablement of the hearers to change:
 - a. Repent of their personal sinfulness
 - b. Believe the Gospel
 - c. Follow Jesus Christ, at any and all cost
 3. These goals will only be obtained when our preaching brings about
 - a. The conversion of the hearers – from darkness to light
 - b. The change of the hearers (2Tim 2:14; Titus 1:9) from full of sin, to being full of righteousness
 - c. The commitment of the hearers – from cold to hot
- B. The _____ of Preaching (Isa 61:1)**
1. Every Christian is commanded to preach the Gospel in soul-winning (Mark 16:15; Acts 8:1-4)
 2. Mature men are commanded to be able to minister the word of God in church
 - a. Jesus carefully hand-picked 12 men to go and preach (Mk 6:7-12)
 - b. Saul later joined (Acts 13:1,2)
 3. A few men are called to pastor
 - a. A Preacher role, yes - daily
 - b. But also, a leadership role as a spiritual pastor (ruler) of a church of believers
 4. To assist the pastor in his preaching, God also calls Teachers to help instruct believers
- C. Types of preaching** – there are four main kinds of preaching
1. **A Summary of preaching types** - Preaching is likened to a “tree.”
 - a. Topical Preaching just exposes the leaves of the tree.
 - b. Textual Topical exposes the leaves and the branches.
 - c. Textual Preaching exposes the leaves, branches, and trunk of the tree.
 - d. Expository preaching takes all of the above, and explores the roots.
 - e. Then about 20 years ago, I heard a black preacher say he preached “suppository” sermons, and they really “moved you.”
 2. _____ – taking a portion of Scripture that when all the verses taken together, teaches and commands a necessary truth
 - a. Like John 3:1-18 – the necessity of the New Birth
 - b. Like Daniel 3 – The Christian’s Resolve; The Price of Purity; The Fourth Man in the Fire!
 - c. Like 2Cor 12 – the Greatness of God’s Grace
 - d. NOTE: You must be careful how MUCH you try and deal with at a time though – maybe break up the message into two or three parts and preach them across successive Sundays.
 3. _____ – Collecting a set of related Scriptures to teach one truth
 - a. Examples
 - 1) You must be saved! Use John 3:16; Rom 5:8; Rom 3:10, 23; 6:23, etc
 - 2) Husbands love your wives! Use Eph 5:25; Col 3:19
 - 3) The Coming Big Bang (2Peter 3)
 - 4) The Necessity of the Resurrection (1Cor 15; 1Thes 4)

- b. NOTE
- 1) Jesus, and the Apostles used this method a lot
 - 2) Be careful, because the cults use it too, and end up turning people away from the Gospel by merging Scriptures that don't belong!
4. _____ – the examination of the life of a person in the Bible
- a. One of the greatest forms of preaching, next to Narrative!
 - b. God included their life in the Bible evidently for an incredible purpose
 - c. Therefore, every Christian needs to learn
 - 1) What can we learn from the total life of _____?
 - 2) What are their strong/weak points?
 - 3) How are we like, or unlike this person?
 - 4) How best can we be like them?
 - d. Examples
 - 1) David
 - a) A Man of Courage
 - b) A Man of Faith
 - c) A Man of Prayer
 - d) A Man of Like Passions

And then you go through and teach HOW David was all these, and HOW people today can and MUST be just as David was in their relationship with God
 - 2) Daniel – Purposing in his heart
 - a) Purposing to stay pure (Dan 1:8)
 - b) Purposing to do his best in everything
 - c) Purposing to stay humble
 - d) Purposing to pray (Dan 6)
 - e) Purposing to learn God's Word (Dan 10)
5. _____ – Using events in the Bible to show the hand of God, and the promises of God, and the judgments of God
- a. Examples
 - 1) The Exodus
 - 2) The crossing of the Red Sea
 - 3) The healing of the blind man Bartemaues
 - 4) The Salvation of Zaccheus
 - b. Most everyone LOVES stories, and can easily learn from them
 - c. MOST of the Bible is narrative – story form
6. FINAL NOTES:
- a. Every message you preach must be doctrinally correct
 - 1) Doctrinal – means the teaching of Biblical truths, line by line, building truth upon truth. Not something based upon experience, or feelings, or subjective (Isa 1:18)
 - 2) Doctrine is what we believe, why we believe it, and how much we believe it (2Tim 3:10)
 - 3) It is the hardest for people to learn from (Isa 28:9)
 - 4) The hardest way to preach (1Tim 5:17) – takes a lot of effort/labour to:

- a) Convey a fact clearly, powerfully, and briefly
 - b) Bring your audience into the facts – easier to bring them into a story, or a life
 - c) Not mince words, or dodge the requirements that God has for people
- 5) Doctrine is _____ necessary (Acts 2:42; 5:28; Rom 16:17; 2Tim 3:16; 4:2)!
- a) Without right doctrine, all the great preaching in the world is of the devil!
 - b) Doctrine is what a Christian uses as the measuring stick to make sure people are not being tricked, and turned away from following Jesus (Gal 1:6-8)
- b. Any message can contain several of these types of preaching, but must contain at least one!
 - c. A great message has one GREAT truth that is clearly presented
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Some Notable Quotes about Preachers and Preaching

- A. "He is the best preacher, not that tickles the ear, but that breaks the heart."--Thomas Brooks
- B. "The minister's task is not to coddle the saints but to collar the sinners."--Hugh Price Hughes
- C. "If you would try out a preacher, send him to preach to farmers: if he cannot make the grade there, let him reconsider his call - or maybe he needs to be converted." - Vance Havner
- D. "The elements which determine the make of any particular sermon are three; the preacher, the material, and the audience; just as the character of any battle is determined by three elements; the gun (including the gunner), the ammunition, and the fortress against which the attack is made." - Phillips Brooks
- E. "A preacher who is too big for a little crowd would be too little for a big crowd." - Vance Havner
- F. "There are moments when the minister can derive stimulus and courage for his work only by falling back upon the irrefutable fact of his divine call." - George Barlow
- G. "No encounter with a dragon is complete failure unless one fights venom with venom. No victory is worth winning if it forces us to become bilious. If I become a beast in order to overcome a beast, all that reigns is beastliness." - Marshall Shelley
- H. "God never sent a messenger with an empty envelope." - Joel Horne
- I. "Preaching is not the performance of an hour. It is the outflow of a life." - E.M. Bounds
- J. "There is a lot of difference between pouring out one's heart and getting something off one's chest." - Vance Havner
- K. "No man ever yet thought whether he was preaching well without weakening his sermon." - Phillips Brooks
- L. "Most churches have plenty of strong personalities but a shortage of gentleness." - Marshall Shelley

Preacher Preparation

A. Preacher Preparation

1. There can be no message preparation until **the preacher** is prepared
2. No man preaches who has not first submitted and obeyed preaching
 - a. Preaching is not a power trip
 - b. No preacher is qualified to preach who does not first allow himself to be preached to, and taught, and moulded!
 - 1) Too many are “cowboys” – doing their own thing
 - 2) So many never sat under a preacher and grew step by step – they just jumped into the spiritual “battle” and fought without training
 - a) There are exceptions – Apostle Paul, John the Baptist
 - b) But the rest of us better be steady and faithful (2Tim 2:2)
3. A changed life is the greatest Gospel message (Rom 12:1,2)
 - a. A man whose life is not conformed to the word of God is not worth listening to anyway
 - b. A few words from a changed life is better than a million words from a dead life!
4. Everything in your life is God’s hand preparing you to serve Him (Jer 1:4,5; Isa 49:1,5; Gal 1:15,16).
 - a. Everything, absolutely EVERYTHING is preparing you!
 - b. Therefore LEARN from everything
 - 1) Your failures – did Moses fail? How about David? Could you learn from their failures as much as their successes?
 - 2) Your successes – be careful of the world’s blessings, and judge God’s blessings in your life!
 - 3) Your struggles – know your weaknesses (the devil knows them), and protect them, and fortify them!
 - 4) Your enemies – God allows enemies into your life to teach you how to handle them, and conquer them
 - 5) Your friends
 - 6) Your pastor (Eph 4:11,12)
 - 7) Your wife, and your kids (Pr 19:14; 1Tim 3:1,2,4,5)
 - 8) Your parents – Learn from them!
 - c. All these will help you to “connect” with your audience! EVERYONE has those things in their life and can relate!
 - d. Suggestion: Keep a Spiritual Diary – a record of God’s hand in your life (Wesley, Whitfield, etc.)
5. Read, read, read (1Tim 4:13)
 - a. Read your Bible – read it through once every year!
 - b. Read Christian biographies – great Christian men and women
 - 1) Charles Spurgeon
 - 2) Martin Luther
 - 3) John Huss
 - 4) Billy Sunday
 - 5) George Whitfield
 - 6) Charles Wesley

- 7) Adoniram Judson
- 8) Jack Hyles and other great preachers of the Gospel
- 9) Fanny Crosbie and other great people of faith
- c. Read hymns – read them for the way they so understood God
- d. Read history! You ought to know:
 - 1) Egyptian History
 - 2) Babylonian
 - 3) Greek
 - 4) Roman
 - 5) Dark Ages
 - 6) Reformation
 - 7) Modern History
- e. Read current events – know what is making everyone so hard-hearted, and afraid!
6. Pray! Beg God to make a PREACHER out of you! Not a pastor (wrong target), at least not yet, but a PREACHER first!

Sermon/Lesson Preparation

There are _____ Ingredients in Sermon/Lesson Preparation: Prayer, Study, Live, Plant, Focus, Reinforce, Enhance, and Organize. It sounds like a lot, but is all part of the LIFE of a preacher!

1. A constant, and consistent walk with God – _____
2. A constant and consistent study of the Bible – _____
 - a. Study means READ the Bible from cover to cover
 - b. Study means ask questions as your read
 - c. Take notes as your read, looking up answers to your questions
 - d. Study means read what other people think about certain passages
 - e. Study means determine right answers to issues in the Bible
3. A real and interactive relationship with people - _____
 - a. Can't live in an ivory tower, or in a monastery
 - b. Must be around people, talking with people, observing people, and learning where people are at spiritually
 - c. Comes through:
 - 1) Having a family yourself
 - 2) Soul-winning
 - 3) Street witnessing
 - 4) Talking to folks on the job
4. A Collection of Spiritual Things your are learning - _____
 - a. Use wire-bound notebooks
 - b. Write as much as you can about each portion of Scripture you may be reading or studying, as often as you can
 - c. Ask yourself questions constantly about what you are learning:
 - 1) WHO are these people in this Scripture? Are they children, women, men, leaders, fools, believers, fakers, demons, etc.
 - 2) WHY are they acting this way?
 - 3) WHAT is God doing in this person's life?

- 4) WHEN is all this occurring? Before or after the cross? What event is everything leading up to, or has caused everything to be as it is?
- 5) WHERE is all the events taking place?
- d. Review what you have written, and add material as you can
 - 1) Makes for lots of depth to your study
 - 2) Allows you to experience what you are preaching – include your life’s experiences as illustrations of the Scriptural truths
 - 3) Allows you to stay in love with the truths you preach
- e. Don’t worry at first about format, or whether it makes any sense yet
5. Choose a Subject - _____
 - a. It is easiest to choose from things the Lord has been already speaking to you about
 - 1) Your heart should BURN about the subject you are going to preach or teach on
 - 2) If you want people to come hear you preach, set yourself on fire – like the burning bush!
 - b. Keep the subjects appropriate
 - 1) Make sure it is appropriate to the time of year (i.e., Christmas, Resurrection Sunday, etc)
 - 2) Make sure it is appropriate to the audience (i.e., meets their needs, and is not just sugary, or time filling)
 - a) Teenagers need PREACHING – but not like adults
 - b) Kids need PREACHING but about the things of their life!
 - c. Keep the subject small enough to be preached well, in a half hour to 45 minutes – usually very hard
 - 1) People find it very hard to come up with ANYTHING to say
 - 2) When you finally start writing, it takes over, and you have to manage it, and cut it down, and rework it until it is ready to be preached well!
 - d. Remember, the reason why we preach is to bring about CHANGE through repentance (Mt 12:41; Mk 1:4; Act 14:15; Col 1:28)
6. Outline what you have written down – _____
 - a. Every message needs the following ingredients
 - 1) One Theme – one main truth to get across to your audience
 - 2) At least two helping thoughts – points
 - 3) A conclusion that applies what you preached right into the lives of your audience
 - 4) An invitation for everyone to respond
 - b. Some messages are easy to outline – some take more work
 - c. The purpose of the outline is threefold:
 - 1) To help you stay on-track
 - 2) To help you keep your thoughts organized – instead of just preaching “on-the-fly”
 - 3) To allow you to PREACH! Don’t try and write down everything you want to preach – just basic thoughts and Scriptures
 - d. Examples of outlines will be at the end of this section

7. Gather helpful study materials - _____
 - a. Study the whole context of the Scriptures you are looking at – don't just “extract” a verse that you like – make sure it actually is saying what you think it is saying – most preachers don't do this!
 - b. Use Cross-references
 - 1) In your own Bible
 - 2) Concordance
 - 3) Online Bible
 - c. Use Topical References – there are great books that show verses that are related by topic
 - 1) R.A. Torrey's The New Topical textbook
 - 2) 10,000 Illustrations from the Bible – actually Topics
 - d. Bible Handbooks
 - 1) Halley's Bible handbook
 - 2) Unger's Bible Handbook
 - 3) World's Bible Handbook
 - e. Old Dictionaries – like an older English Dictionary
 - f. Commentaries
 - 1) There are mainly Bible critical commentaries
 - 2) But there are some great Bible believing commentaries too
 - 3) Study both because you will learn something from them
8. Relate real-life Illustrations - _____
 - a. See if you have experienced some of what you are going to preach about, and relate the audience to what you went through and learned
 - b. Collect newspaper clippings of current events
 - c. Some books are available like, The Encyclopedia of 15,000 Illustrations, by Paul Lee Tan.
9. Organize, organize, and organize some more your message thoughts - _____
 - a. Rough draft – needs to contain:
 - 1) Sermon goal – what it is you want to talk about?
 - 2) Basic brief outline of the truths and events that build that goal
 - 3) Some basic illustrations
 - b. Rewrite
 - 1) Make sure each point clearly fits the overall subject
 - 2) Change around the outline so that it is clear and SIMPLE!
 - 3) Make each point only deal with so much – not too much stuff, or you lose your audience
 - 4) Get to the point quickly
 - a) A lot of preaching today is what I call Long Horn Preaching, as in the long horn cattle found in Texas. This style of preaching has a point here, a point there and a lot of bull in between!
 - b) Make your **conclusion** the apex – arrange your points and subject matter to climax with a commitment. Your audience needs to ask at the end of your message:
 - (i) Men and brethren, what shall we do? (acts 2:37)

- (ii) What doth hinder me to be baptized? (Acts 8:36)
 - (iii) Sirs, what must I do to be saved? (Acts 16:30)
- 5) Go back and develop your introduction making your audience WANT to hear what you are about to say
 - 6) Use complete sentences. Your points should be so clear that people can understand them even without the complete text of your sermon. They ought to be able to look at your notes and think, "That's helpful!" Many outlines don't actually say anything. With each point you need to ask yourself:
 - a) "Is this worth remembering?"
 - b) "Is it helpful?"
 - c) "Is it even worth writing down?"
 - d) "Is this an outline I can share with my neighbour?"

Example - What Hinders A Christian's Joy
What is it that Stops Christians from Enjoying God?
John 15:11

I. Introduction -

- A. Every Christian in this room has more joy and more thrill in their heart than they currently imagine! God put the joy in us!
- B. Not talking about "just" enjoyment - but the enjoyment of God! Desiring to spend time just with the Lord, in His word, in prayer, delighting to do His will (Ps 40:8). This world emphasizes "enjoyment" and "having fun." But somehow, Bible Christianity is relegated to "boring" and wasted time! I'm here to tell you, somebody has been doing some deceiving - it is not the truth (Ps 34:8)!
- D. Some things do hinder, obstruct, restrict, choke-out the joy that Christ gives. Our task this morning is to learn what blocks our enjoyment of God, and to remove it, so that "our joy may be full" as Christ promised in John 15:11!

II. Message - What Hinders a Christian's Joy? Six Things!

- A. **Imitations** (Isa 48:22) - A Counterfeit Source of Hope, or Foundation.
- B. **Instability** (Col 2:6,7)
- C. **Impatience** - Christians rarely develop perseverance in their faith - they get impatient with God, with themselves. It is because of *discontentment!* Impatience will not allow you to depend upon God for things - hence, you get upset, and lose your joy!
 1. With God (Heb 10:30; Ps 30:5)
 2. With Self (1 Pet 5:6)
- D. **Iniquity** - Sin. It "saps" our joy! The BIG drain!
 1. The Christian life is compared to a race (Heb 12:1). To run that race, ever runner must discard the "baggage" and the SINS that disqualify them, and pull them off the track!
 2. King David found out how sin ruined his joy (Ps 51:12). After he committed adultery with Bathsheba, he lost his joy! The pleasures of sin only last for a season (Heb 11:24-26) - then guilt!
- E. Wrong **Influences**
 1. From Satan (1 Thes 2:18; Rev 2:10) Satanic oppression, discouragement, worry, un-natural fears

2. From the world (Gal 5:7; 3:1) Peer pressure trying to get the Christian to be like them - while God wants you like Jesus!

F. An **Impersonal** relationship with God. No walk with God (Neh 8:10)

III. Conclusion - What Stops the Christian from Enjoying God?

If we put this into practice, then there will be no stopping us! As A Christian, our secret weapon - our secret strength - is the joy of the Lord!

B. **PROJECT #1:** By next week, you should have three sketches of outlines, on three different truths you have studied about in your Bible reading time this coming week! They will be graded based upon:

1. Whether there are three outlines of some sort
 2. How much time I can tell you have spent on studying the text, or topic
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How to put all these ingredients together

A. How to put all these ingredients together (1Cor 2:4; 2Tim 4:12)

1. Work your *focus* – the main thing!
 - a. Your outline needs to have ONE MAIN THEME – The reason why you are preaching that day
 - b. Everything you say needs to build that theme in the minds of your audience
 - c. Your conclusion and application needs to be remembered, and acted upon by your audience
 - d. Another example of an outline:

Subject: **The Love of God**

Text: **John 3:16**

Purpose: **To explain the love of God so that people will get saved!**

I. Introduction

- A. There is no greater need of the human heart than to know that God loves them
- B. There is nothing more distorted than this world's idea about the love of God

II. Message – The Love of God

- A. **It is God's love that matters** – we all want someone to love us, but God is most awesome! Doesn't just love the easy to love, but the ungodly, and the sinner!
- B. **It's is God's way that works** – The Cross - He gave Himself
- C. **It is faith in Christ that pleases God, and saves sinners**
- D. **It is desperately serious whether you surrender and receive such love** – God is talking about eternal damnation, and eternal life – which will it be for you?!

III. Application

- A. Religion today has replaced the true love of God
- B. To trust anything other than the Son of God is hopeless
- C. Solid faith in Jesus Christ is sufficient for eternity

IV. Invitation – You can be saved TODAY (2Cor 6:2)!

- e. Some thoughts on getting your points onto paper
 - 1) List the truths/key bits of information that you see in a text – i.e., like noticing all the components of a fuel-pump, or TV
 - 2) Generalise the truths – see if you can summerise into 3 or up to 6 or 7 things
 - 3) Lay out those truths in order as you see them
 - 4) Expand the points with helpful information – illustrations, life examples, cross-references
 - 5) PRAY through it all, asking God to SHOW you (Ps 119:18)
 - 6) Make your conclusion the most important part!
2. Have a REASON to do prepare to preach (Isa 61:1; Rom 10:14,15) – How are people going to hear the Gospel without a PREACHER? So, get involved in a church ministry that is evangelistic for souls to be won, and taught the word of God!

- a. Street preaching
 - b. Teaching/Preaching a Sunday School Class
 - c. Preaching in church when pastor asks you!
 - d. Starting a Nursing Home Ministry
 - e. Being available to cover for other preachers who need to take a holiday – there are lots of churches that need fill-in preachers!
3. Work your tail off! Just do it – set out to work on a message, and stay at it until the message is completed!
 4. Take the time to do it right – allow the Lord to meld everything together
 - a. Comes with _____ on your subject
 - b. Comes with _____
 5. Do it with help – don't do it alone
 - a. Help from your pastor
 - b. Help from the church
 - c. Help from the Holy Spirit (John 15:5)
 - d. Listen to your wife, and kids, and the people you are ministering to – what they say will burden you to always preach more, and better!

B. PROJECT #2

1. **Part A** - Produce three more outlines, and from the six you will have by next week, choose one that you feel passionate about and really study and develop that message. I will be grading based upon:
 - a. The completion of the six outlines in their basic form
 - b. A single outline being well thought about and studied
2. **Part B** – Begin outlining each message that Pastor Craig preaches
 - a. Listen for the Title
 - b. Listen for each point
 - c. Take note of the Scriptures being used
 - d. Don't try and record everything – just try and get the basic outline of what he is preaching about
 - e. You will be graded based upon: Whether you have at least a general outline of what pastor preached

The Basic Themes of the Bible

(Jn 16:8; Acts 24:25)

1. There are only four basic themes of the Bible:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
2. You will see just how powerful it is to know that these are all you need to analyze when you are studying a topic, or portion of Scripture.
3. These three ingredients must be in every message you preach
 - a. Whether it is about _____
 - 1) Sin keeps us from entering
 - 2) Christ's own righteousness purchased our home there
 - 3) If someone rejects Christ's payment, there is only one other place for them – Hell – be saved today!
 - b. Or about _____
 - 1) Everyone is going there because of sin – not matter how little a sinner we may be
 - 2) God's holiness and righteousness is just too great to reach – that's why God came down as a man, and died in our place
 - 3) God's judgment upon a sinner is their own doing – accept the free gift of salvation today!
 - c. Or about _____
 - 1) It is a sin not to tithe because it is disobedience to a clear command of God (Mal 3:10)
 - 2) God designed tithing to do three things in the life of the believer:
 - a) Keep money from becoming our god
 - b) Enable a New Testament church to operate free from the world
 - c) Glorify God – it is a New Testament kind of sacrifice that we as Christians can offer to God out of love
 - 3) God judges Christians who do not tithe, when they know better (James 4:17)
 - d. Or about _____
 - 1) It is a sin not to be faithful to church (Heb 10:25; 1Cor 4:2)
 - 2) Christians gathering together as a church shows that God's way works (by nurturing us, and maturing us), and attracts sinners
 - 3) God's people have a responsibility to be a member of a Bible believing Baptist kind of church – if this is God's will, how can we do anything less?
 - e. Or about _____! Or about _____, or about _____, or ANYTHING you need to address!

The Measure of a Preacher

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1. Put him into work of the Ministry
 - a. Sunday School Teacher, Youth Work, Bus Captains
 - b. Have them go together door to door evangelism and do any outreach efforts you may be involved in.
 - c. Give them opportunities on Wednesday nights or Sunday nights to preach.
 - d. Have them serve God! If they feel that serving is too much - then that would be an indicator. Train them - after all that is your job as a pastor.
2. What ever you do try to talk them out of the pastorate - because if you can they were never called to the pastorate.
3. Evaluate their Christian activities:
 - a. Have they led anyone to Christ?
 - b. Are they tithing?
 - c. Are they faithful to all services?
 - d. Are they faithful in ministry?
 - e. Are there families under submission?
4. Their wife and family
 - a. Speak to their wife - what and how do they feel about this?
 - b. Have your wife invite them over or go out to lunch and let her share what she has undergone as a pastor wife.
 - c. If the family is not behind him then the extra stress on the marriage could lead to divorce.
5. Are they qualified according to 1 Tim 3 as a deacon or pastor.

B. Examples of Preachers, and Preaching in the Bible

1. Noah (2Pet 2:5)
 - a. Just what is a “preacher of righteousness?”
 - b. Why is Noah a great example?
 - 1) Patience
 - 2) Obedience
 - 3) Hard-work
 - 4) Saved his family – didn’t sacrifice them to try and win the world
2. Enoch (Jude 1:14-16)
 - a. The first preacher mentioned in the Bible
 - b. The first also to be raptured in Genesis 5
3. Jonah (Mt 12:41)
 - a. Probably one of the most successful preachers in the Bible
 - b. Probably the worst attitude of all preachers in the Bible
 - c. His Call
 - d. His message
 - e. His people – mission field – 60 miles away
 - f. His desire – that they would die instead of be given a chance
 - g. His cost – pride
 - h. His own way – in the direct opposite way of God’s will

4. King David (Ps 40:9)
5. King Solomon (Eccl 1:1)
6. John the Baptist (Mt 3:1) – all his life he was prepared to preach and prepare a nation for the Lord!
7. Jesus (Mt 4:17,23; 9:35; 11:1; Mk 1:14; Lu 7:22)
8. All the Disciples (Mt 10:7; Mk 3:14; 6:12; Acts 5:42; 8:4)
9. Even angels (Rev 14:6; but Cf Gal 1:6-8)

C. Preaching and Presenting Your First Message (John 15:4,5)

1. Preach the WORD (2Tim 4:2) – no matter what it says, or how it cuts (Acts 5:33; 7:54), just makes ure it is rightly divided (2Tim 2:15)
2. Preach the Gospel (1Cor 1:17-23) – make sure that the message you preach has the Good News in it so that people not only become guilty before God, but can get changed!
3. Preach it *for the Lord* – out of love for Him supremely
4. Preach it as if it is your last message – with passion, and urgency
 - a. Maybe not YOUR last message, but may be the last message someone may hear
 - b. Passion is THE hallmark of real preaching
5. Preach it like Jesus would if He were there
 - a. God is using YOU to represent JESUS in front of a single individual, or a large crowd!
 - b. Learn how Jesus dealt with different people, and preached
6. Preach it only as *your best effort*
 - a. Put everything you have got into that message
 - b. Yet allow the Lord to direct you as you preach, and change the message even if He so sees fit!
 - c. So many of your messages will seem so hard to preach until you get used to preaching – then you won't mind
7. Remember, you are plowing, and planting – it is GOD that brings forth fruit in the hearers (1Cor 3:6)

D. Obstacles to Preaching!

1. _____ Obstacles
 - a. Your own walk with God being a mess can most hinder you
 - b. Trying to do God's will, you must realise that you are going to be spiritually hindered!
 - 1) Discouragement – seeing things only with your own eyes (2Cor 4:18)
 - 2) Depression – being out of balance in your expectations and efforts
 - c. Special spiritual attacks – the devil might throw everything he has got against you – just like he did Job, and it HINDERED him!
2. _____ Obstacles
 - a. Being out of balance with your time, lifestyle, and priorities
 - 1) You must have a schedule
 - a) When to get up
 - b) When to read your Bible
 - c) When to pray

- d) When to eat
 - e) When to go to work
 - f) When to go to sleep
 - g) When to go soul-winning
 - h) Etc
- b. Having a cluttered study area - laziness
 - c. Not eating right – laziness
 - d. Your mate and you always being in arguments!
 - e. Being owned by anything or anyone other than the Lord Jesus Christ (1Cor 6:19,20)!
- E. **PROJECT #3:** Preach or Teach (if you are a Teacher) the one message next week in front of class that you have been working on now for three weeks.

Final Thoughts

A. Scriptures for Preachers, and their Preaching

1. The whole books of 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus were written to the Preacher
2. The life of Moses was that of a Pastor and Preacher
3. Solomon was known as “the Preacher!”
4. Scriptures to memorize
 - a. John 15:5
 - b. 2Tim 2:1,2
 - c. 2Tim 4:1-4
 - d. Isa 61:1-3
 - e. His Message - 2 Timothy 4:2
 - f. His Library - 2 Tim 4:13
 - g. His Prayer and Study Time - 1 Tim 4:13
 - h. His Goal and Focus - 2 Tim 2:14; 2:24-26
 - i. His Method of Delivery – 1Cor 2:1-5
 - j. His Obstacles to Overcome - 2 Tim 2:15-26
 - k. His Pastor – 1Peter 5:5

B. Being Always Ready

C. The Preacher’s Personal Life

D. The Preacher’s Message - 2 Timothy 4:2; Acts 20:26,27; Mt 28:20

E. The Preacher’s Library - 2 Tim 4:13

F. The Preacher’s Prayer and Study Time – Acts 6:1-4; 1 Tim 4:13

G. The Preacher’s Goal and Focus - 2 Tim 2:14; 2:24-26

H. The Preacher's Method of Delivery

I. The Preacher's Obstacles to Overcome - 2 Tim 2:15-26

J. The Preacher's Pastor

K. The Preacher's Office

L. The Preacher's Finances

M. The Preacher's Team – People that God has given to the pastor to do the work

N. The Difference Between Being Pastor and Preacher

O. How to Stay Fresh

II. Conclusions

A. Did you notice I never told you to study the GREEK or the HEBREW?

1. You CAN, but it will sap your time more than help you
2. The study of Greek and Hebrew will help you in the following areas:
 - a. Defense of the King James Bible
 - b. Defense against some cults like, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc.
 - c. Expand your understanding of language and communication

B. Do you realise just how much stuff you have to preach about?

Presentation Time

During the next few classes, every member of the class will present a lesson outline, or sermon outline, presenting it as if they were either preaching it, or teaching it. You will need to bring along any visuals and objects that will help you teach. You will have 25 minutes to present your lesson.