



LIVING MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

AN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY OF REACHING • PREACHING • TEACHING

THREE KEY AREAS OF PREPARATION

FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

PROBLEMS

- **Emulate Heroes**
- **Mixed Motives**
- **Pressure to Perform**

1) THE PREACHER

- i) **HIS DEVOTIONAL LIFE** - Word and Prayer
- ii) **HIS PERSONAL LIFE** – Relationships, Spouse, opposite sex. “We cannot separate what we say with what we are.”
- iii) **HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE** – Pay bills? Tell the truth? Pulpit convictions fleshed out? Monday and Sunday (Safe in the Pulpit).
- iv) **HIS EXAMPLE** – Personal witnessing; 2nd mile.
Robert Murray McCheyne – A HOLY MAN IS AN **AWFUL WEAPON** IN GOD’S HAND.

2) PREPARE THE CHURCH Begin with Pastor’s attitude.

- **Prayer Groups** – 10 X 10 = 100 minutes per week.
- **Vision for the lost** – When was the last Evangelistic event?
- **Training** – **Equipping the Saints** in
 - - Counseling
 - - Soul Winning
 - - Discipleship

- **The dynamics of Spiritual Growth** - Our church calendars reflect this dynamic.

3) **PREPARE TO PREACH** – Sermons are not speeches for all occasions!

- **A PRIORITY**– How long in study – my head or my heart.
- **A PLACE TO STUDY**– Any place, but alone with no interruptions.
- **PROTECT YOUR STUDY TIME**– Secretary, Spouse.

4) **PREPARING THE MESSAGE** – (1 Cor 14:3)

- a) **Wait** on God – “Lord Sunday, what do the people need”
- b) **Read** the Word, text, subject – research, illustrations, quotes

Spurgeon – “When you find your text wherever it is, just go cross country to Jesus. (Rev 19:10)

Our primary task in preaching – lead people to **think about their relationship** with Jesus Christ.

5) **PREPARE FOR RESPONSE** – arise out of the message.

- Have a **goal** in mind – for hearers to respond to - What I am exhorting my **hearers** to do.
- **Clarity** – To Christ
- **Urgency** – “Last Chance” – Dying man to dying men”

- **Integrity** – No tricks, manipulation. What’s at stake?
– your reputation, and the name of Jesus.

Dr Torrey - “I’m not a Christian, but I am sound and upright. I would like to know what you have against me.” – “I charge you, sir with treason against heavens King” - It’s not our Gospel but His.

6) PRACTICAL PREPARATION

- a) Music
- b) Method
- c) Manpower
- d) Materials
- e) Facilities

7) THE HOLY SPIRIT – (John 12:32; 1Cor 12:3)

January 1930, Walter Vivian CBS – checking equipment installed to carry the message of King George V to the British Navy around the world – Vivian discovered a break in the wires - there was no time for it to be repaired – grouping two segments of the wire – each hand – became a conductor through which 220 VOLTS of electricity passed, his burned hand became the transmitter for the King’s message.