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# THREE KEY AREAS OF PREPARATION



## STUDY GUIDE

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Preaching the Gospel whether it be at the normal Sunday service or in an Evangelistic Crusade is always a major event. Lives, homes, ministries and destinies are at stake!*

*Every major event requires careful and serious preparation. The world is not impressed with a shoddy, ill prepared and irresponsible presentation. As ambassadors of Christ and His eternal kingdom we are about the most important business in the world. There is no excuse to be unprepared.*

*This chapter covers some basic and yet crucial aspects of preparation – may our every effort bring honour and glory to our Master to whom we are ultimately accountable.*

*Cecil J Peasley*

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### **PROBLEMS**

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



1) **THE** \_\_\_\_\_

i) HIS \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE - Word and Prayer

- ii) HIS \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE - Relationships, Spouse, opposite sex. “We cannot separate what we \_\_\_\_\_ with what we \_\_\_\_\_.”
- iii) HIS \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE - \_\_\_\_\_ bills? Tell the \_\_\_\_\_? Pulpit convictions fleshed out? Monday and Sunday (Safe in the Pulpit)
- iv) HIS \_\_\_\_\_ – Personal witnessing; 2<sup>nd</sup> mile.  
Robert Murray McCheyne – A HOLY MAN IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ IN GOD’S HAND.

2) **PREPARE THE** \_\_\_\_\_ - Begin with Pastor’s attitude.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Groups – 10 X 10 = 100 minutes per week.
- \_\_\_\_\_ for the lost – When was the last Evangelistic event?
- Training – \_\_\_\_\_ in
  - - Counseling
  - - Soul Winning
  - - Discipleship
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Spiritual Growth - Our church calendars reflect this dynamic.

3) **PREPARE TO** \_\_\_\_\_ – Sermons are not \_\_\_\_\_ for all occasions!

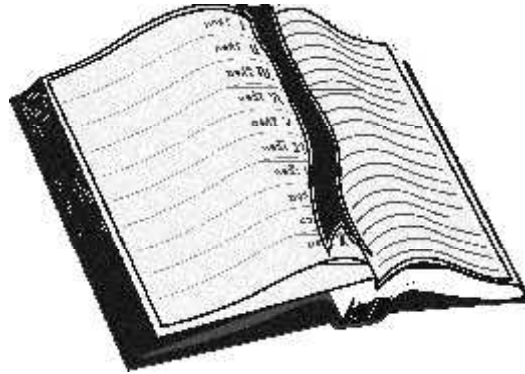
- A \_\_\_\_\_ – How long in study – my head or my heart.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ – Any place, but alone with no interruptions
- \_\_\_\_\_ – Secretary, Spouse.

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

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ on God – “Lord Sunday, what do the people need”
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus Christ.



5) **PREPARE FOR** \_\_\_\_\_ – arise out of the \_\_\_\_\_.

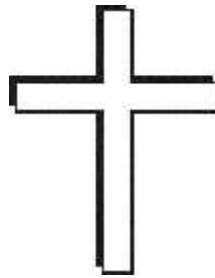
- Have a \_\_\_\_\_ in mind – for hearers to respond to - What I am exhorting my \_\_\_\_\_ to do.
- \_\_\_\_\_ – To Christ
- \_\_\_\_\_ – “Last Chance” – Dying man to dying men”
- \_\_\_\_\_ – No tricks, manipulation. What’s at stake? – your reputation, and the name of Jesus.

6) \_\_\_\_\_ **PREPARATION**

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

7) **THE HOLY** \_\_\_\_\_ – (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 – grabbing 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.



**Bibliography:** *“Our Daily Bread”, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2000 - Radio Bible Class*