

Research & Resources

A Basic Primer on Sermon Preparation

Personal Discipline

- The best source of sermon thoughts is extensive _____.

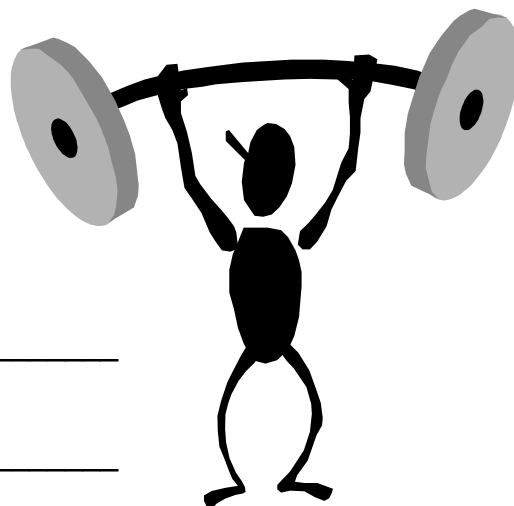
- God has two words for time:

CHRONOS: _____

(QUANTITY TIME)

KAIROS: _____

(QUALITY TIME)

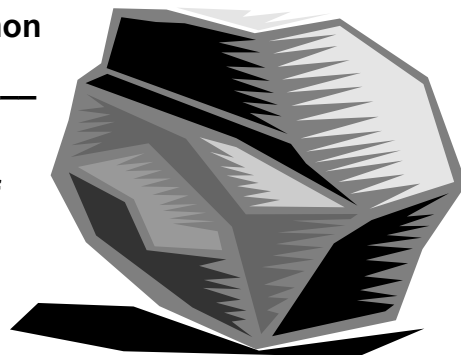


- You have to take advantage of KAIROS time at the moment it happens, or _____.

- **Luke 19:41-44 (NKJV)** ⁴¹Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."
- **Acts 24:25 (NKJV)** Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."
- **Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
- **Ephesians 5:15-16 (NKJV)** ¹⁵See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

- JUST LIKE INVESTING ...

- the most valuable "deposits" made in your sermon are the ones made _____ that have a chance to gather interest!
- it is hard to get young people to see the value of a regular contribution _____ to insure the _____.



	URGENT	NOT URGENT
IMPORTANT	1	2
NOT IMPORTANT	3	4

- Highly Effective People spend as much time as possible in _____.
- Pareto Principle: _____

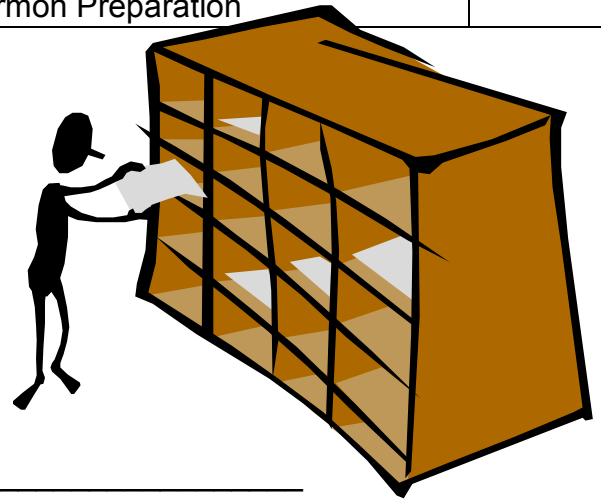
MY PERSONAL GAMEPLAN	
ENVISION	PREPARE
PLAN	ADJUST

- ***Ephesians 5:16-17 (PH)*** *Make the best use of your time, despite all the evils of these days. Don't be vague but grasp firmly what you know to be the will of the Lord.*

The Week of an Ineffective Church Leader		The Week of an Effective Church Leader	
Sleep		Sleep	
Staff Meetings		Staff Meetings	
Committee/Board Meetings		Committee/Board Meetings	
Worship Activities		Worship Activities	
Prayer		Prayer	
Personal Bible Study		Personal Bible Study	
Administrative		Administrative	
Mentoring		Mentoring	
Meals		Meals	
Family Time		Family Time	
Other		Other	
Personal Evangelism		Personal Evangelism	
Accountability		Accountability	
Custodial Duties		Custodial Duties	

Pastoral Care		Pastoral Care	
Sermon Preparation		Sermon Preparation	

Building A Personal Library



- **Benefits of a personal library:**

- _____
- _____
- _____

- **Basic books to start your library:**

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- **Sources for your library:**

- _____
- _____
- _____

- **A library should be a collection of a few books you _____ more than a lot of books you can _____.**

- **Guiding principles for buying books:**

- Seek the _____ books on a particular subject
- Learn to look for _____ authors
- Practice the principal of _____ before marriage
- Be careful how you allow a book to shape your _____
- _____ your purchases!
- _____ your books!

- **A library must be _____, especially as it grows larger.**



Bible Study Procedures

- The main purpose of interpreting a text is not _____ but _____!
- The first task of the preacher is EXEGESIS: _____

- We must always guard against EISEGESIS: _____

- There are three basic theories of Bible translation:
 - **Literal Translation**
ADVANTAGE: _____

DISADVANTAGE: _____

 - **Free Translation**
ADVANTAGE: _____

DISADVANTAGE: _____

 - **Dynamic Equivalence Translation**
ADVANTAGE: _____

DISADVANTAGE: _____

- The King James Version is best to use when preaching _____;
modern translations are often best to use when preaching _____.

- How do I know which translation is best? _____

- Why do Bible versions differ? _____

Creating A Filing System

- What should I file?

- **Three Requirements for an Effective Filing System:**

- _____
- _____
- _____

- The goal of any filing system should be to _____ time spent filing and finding materials so as to _____ time for ministry.

STRUCTURE OF A FILING SYSTEM		
Level One		
Level Two		
Level Three		
Level Four		

- In your Bible file, create two extra folders for OT and NT _____.
- Correspondence is best filed by _____, then by _____ if the volume warrants.
- **Suggestions for filing sermons:**

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- Have a “ _____ ” box and do your filing at a specific time every week.

Planning Your Preaching

- **2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)** Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction.

- Planning helps me to ...

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- Your goal should always be “ _____ .”

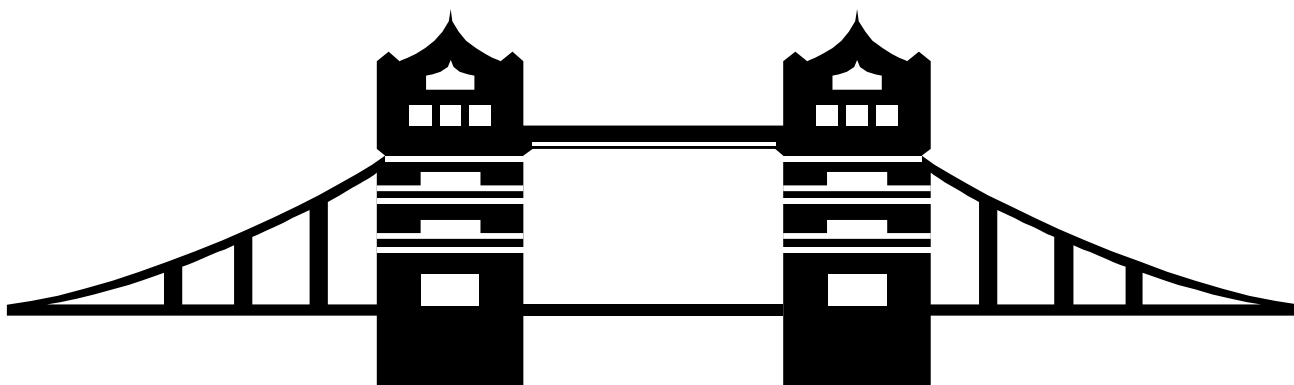
- **Proverbs 21:5 (TM)** Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run; hurry and scurry puts you further behind.

How to CRAFT a Message

- **Deuteronomy 4:1** Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.
- **Deuteronomy 5:1** And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.
- **James 3:1 (NLT)** Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged by God with greater strictness.
- **James 1:24-25 (NIV)** Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does.
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV)** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
- The purpose of the Bible is _____:
 - to change our _____ (perfect, mature, complete)
 - to change our _____ (good works)

- **John 6:63** The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life
- **Philippians 2:16** Holding forth the word of life
- **John 10:10** I am come that they might have life
- *If I intend to be a Biblical preacher, my sermons must always be life-oriented, not just information-oriented.*
- God's purpose for the preacher is to be a _____, to declare eternal truths that _____ and apply them in a world that is _____.

THE APPLICATION BRIDGE



- Four stages of bridge building:
 - Observation _____
 - Implication _____
 - Contextualization _____
 - Personalization _____
- Building an application (2 Timothy 3:16-17) – FOUR QUESTIONS:
 - Doctrine _____
 - Correction _____
 - Instruction in Righteousness _____
 - Reproof _____

Ecclesiastes 12:9-11 (NASB) In addition to being a wise man, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge; and he pondered, searched out and arranged many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find delightful words and to write words of truth correctly. The words of wise men are like goads, and masters of these collections are like well-driven nails; they are given by one Shepherd.

Ecclesiastes 12:9-11 (NLT) Because the Teacher was wise, he taught the people everything he knew. He collected proverbs and classified them. Indeed, the Teacher taught the plain truth, and he did so in an interesting way. A wise teacher's words spur students to action and emphasize important truths. The collected sayings of the wise are like guidance from a shepherd.

- Two results of this kind of preaching:

- “goad” _____
- “well-driven nail” _____

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- Research is studying with my _____; reflection is listening with my _____.

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Eccl. 12:11 (NLT) A wise teacher's words spur students to action and emphasize important truths.

- Each sermon should answer three important questions:
 _____? _____? _____?
- Arrange your sermon in an outline:
 1. Keep it _____.
 2. Get to the point _____.
 3. Make sure your points follow a logical _____.
 4. Arrange your points to end with _____.
 5. Arrange your points to use _____ and _____.
 6. Use a variety of teaching _____.

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Eccl. 12:10 (NASB) The Preacher sought to find delightful words ...

- What is the most _____ way to say it?
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- Illustrations are _____ that let the light in!

Matthew 13:34 (NLT) Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables.

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- _____ produces power!

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.