



Advanced Ministry Class

Lesson 10

Practical Studies About the Ministry

2 Timothy 2:2

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,
the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach
others also.*

The Preacher and His Books

- ✓ Essentials
- ✓ Extras
- ✓ Encouragers
- ✓ Extremists



The Preacher and His Books

Mark Twain said it well: *"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read."*

Essentials

- A King James 1611 Bible –The best reference Bible is the ***Old Scofield Reference Bible***.
- A good concordance (***Strong's Exhaustive Concordance***). A computer Bible program (***SwordSeacher***) is recommended for doing searches and comparing Scripture with Scripture.
- A good English dictionary (***Webster's 1828***).



The Preacher and His Books

Someone said: "You are what you read."

Extras

- ***Dispensational Truth, by Clarence Larkin.*** Many preachers own this book, but not many have read and studied the book.
- ***Rightly Dividing the Word By Clarence Larkin***
- ***Prayer, Asking and Receiving, by John R. Rice.*** I also recommend E. M. Bounds' books on prayer, mostly with regard to motivation to pray.
- ***Foxe's Book of Martyrs, by John Foxe.*** This book is inspirational in its account of the suffering by God's children. It also shows the tyranny and murderous nature of their persecutors.



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1 Timothy 4:13

"Till I come, give attendance to reading, ..."

Encouragers

- ***A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 by W. Phillip Keller.*** As a shepherd himself, the author shares insights into the life and character of sheep--and of the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for them.
- ***The Bible Exposition Commentary by Warren W. Wiersbe.*** All of his books are helpful.
- ***Things That Are Different Are Not the Same, by Mickey Carter.*** This little book is a good introduction to the King James Bible controversy. A few others are:
 - ***Touch Not the Unclean Thing, by David H. Sorenson***
 - ***Final Authority, by William P. Grady***
- ***How to Win Souls and Get Them Down the Aisle, by Curtis Hutson.*** Very inspirational.
- ***Why Revival Tarries, by Leonard Ravenhill.***
- ***Christian Biographies for inspiration.***

The Preacher and His Books

Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Matthew 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

2 Peter 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

Extremists

- *Calvinists*
- *Charismatics*
- *Compromisers*
- *Critics*
- *"Kooks"*

BEWARE
OF **FALSE**
TEACHERS



SERMON PREPARATION

Preparing the Man

1-Physically

- ✓ Be Rested
- ✓ Be Ready
- ✓ Be Relaxed



SERMON PREPARATION

2-Practically

- Notice surroundings, Look over the platform, Check the crowd
- Plan what to do with your hands, feet, sermon notes, etc.
- Check the clock before you begin
- Do not be distracted by disturbances around you
- Stay on target
- Check your clothing before entering the pulpit



SERMON PREPARATION

3-Personally

- Keep a warm heart for the people
- Stay focused on your subject
- Preach what you KNOW, not what you think
- Show dignity and propriety
- Do not imitate others, but borrow from them sensibly
- Use appropriate language
- Put yourself into the message

Practical Things:

• Sermon Preparation

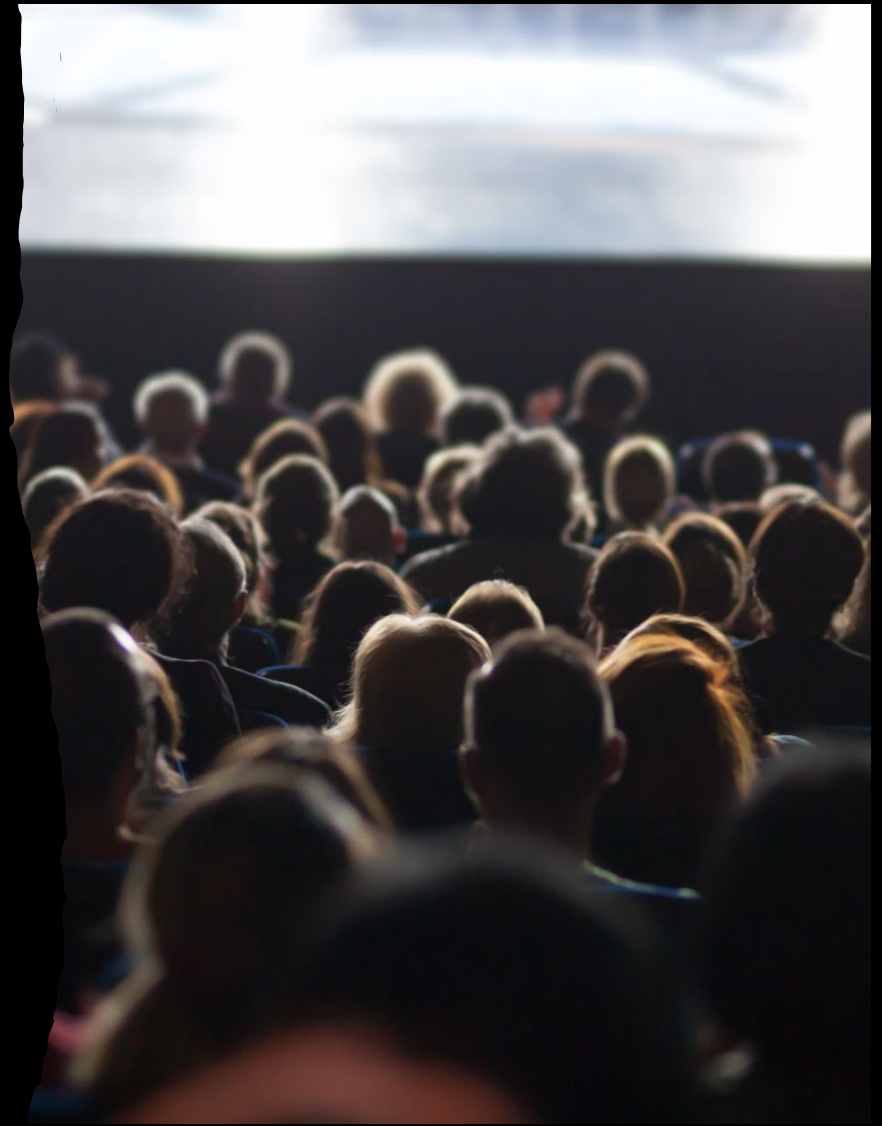
- ✓ The Man
- ✓ The Message

• Soul Winning at the Altar

- ✓ Providential
- ✓ Personal
- ✓ Patient

• Style in Preaching

- ✓ Teaching
- ✓ Preaching
- ✓ Mannerisms
- ✓ Quotes, etc.



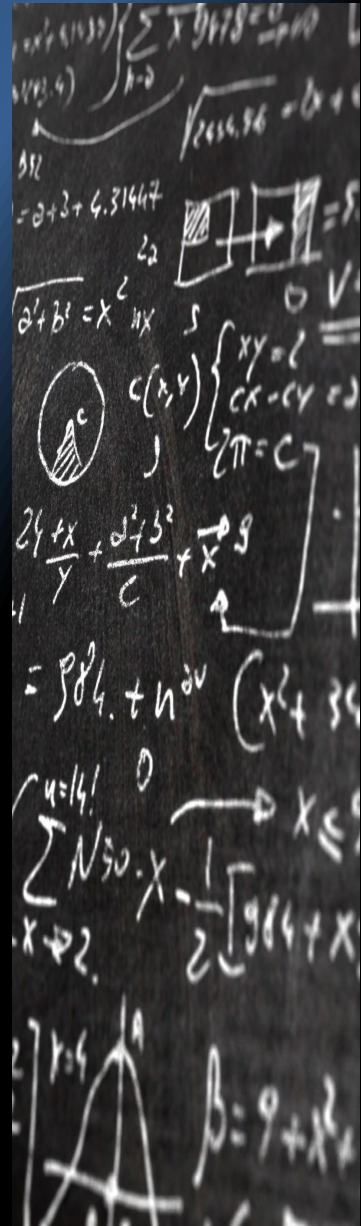
“Preaching by definition must call a person to a decision. It is by its very nature confrontational and personal. Teaching could be satisfied with imparting truth, but preaching challenges the listener to apply the truth in their daily life.”

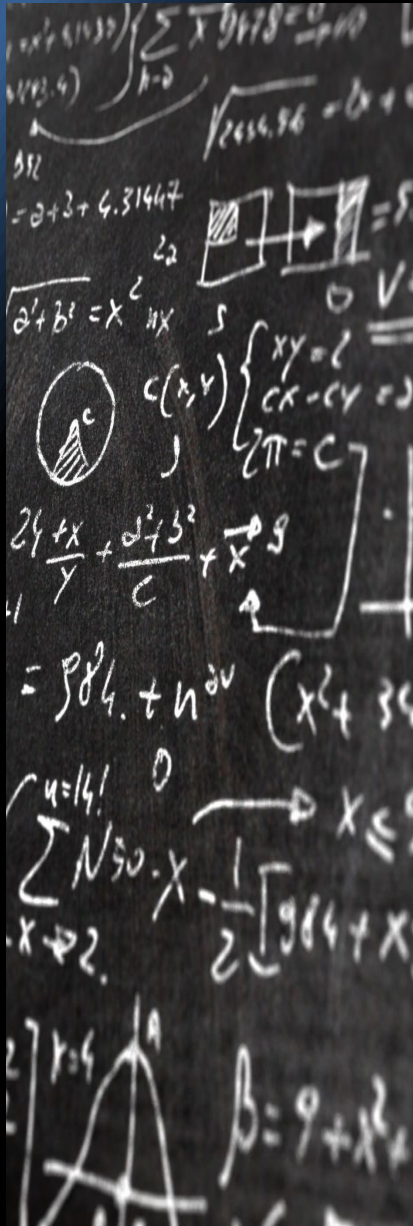
-Dr. R. B. Ouellette

Preparing The Message

Terms & Definitions

- **Homiletics** ... “the study of preparing and preaching sermons”
- **Hermeneutics**... “the science of interpreting the scriptures”
- **Exegesis** ... “the explanation or interpretation of texts”
- **Exposition**... “exposition is related to the word *expose*—the goal is to expose the meaning of the Bible, verse by verse”
- **Textual** ... The sermon takes its cue from the biblical text
- **Topical**... preaching that deals with a certain topic
- **Pulpit** ... “raised platform from which preaching is done”.
- **Preaching**... “the communication of God by man to men”
- **Introduction / Text / Theme / Body / Conclusion**





Sermon vs Message...

“Sermons can be given from notes but a Message is from God”

End of Lesson 10