



# Advanced Ministry Class

## Lesson 11

### *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.*

Practical Things:

- **Sermon Preparation**

- ✓ The Man

- ✓ The Message



# Preparing the Man

## 1-Physically

- ✓ Be Rested

- ✓ Be Ready

- ✓ Be Relaxed

# Preparing the Man

## 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

# Preparing the Man

## 3-Personally

- Keep a warm heart for the people
- Stay focused on your subject
- Preach/Teach 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:

### • **Soul Winning**

- ✓ Providential... whoever God brings across your path
- ✓ Personal... one on one, at the altar, etc.
- ✓ Patient... you are not a car salesman

### • **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**

# Sermon Preparation

✓ The Man

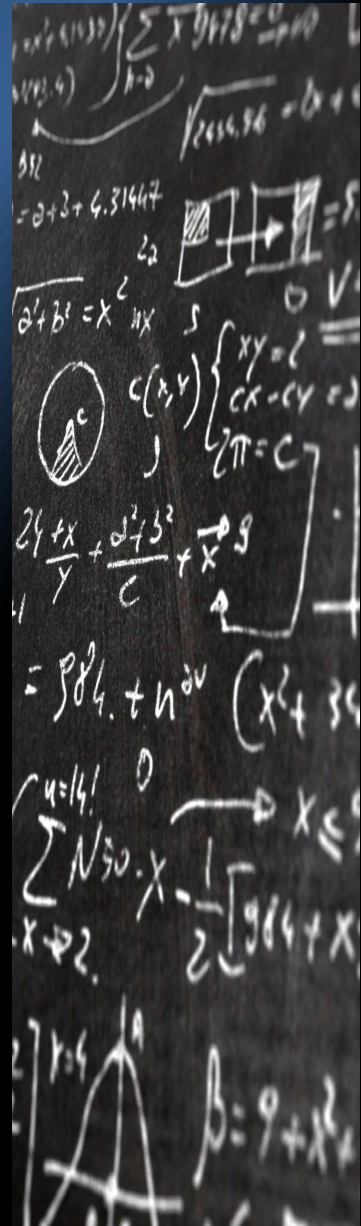
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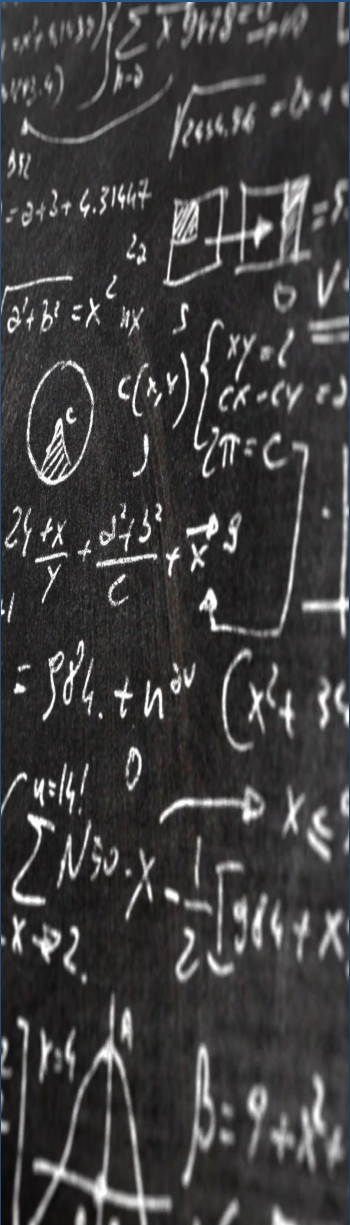




## Preparing The Message

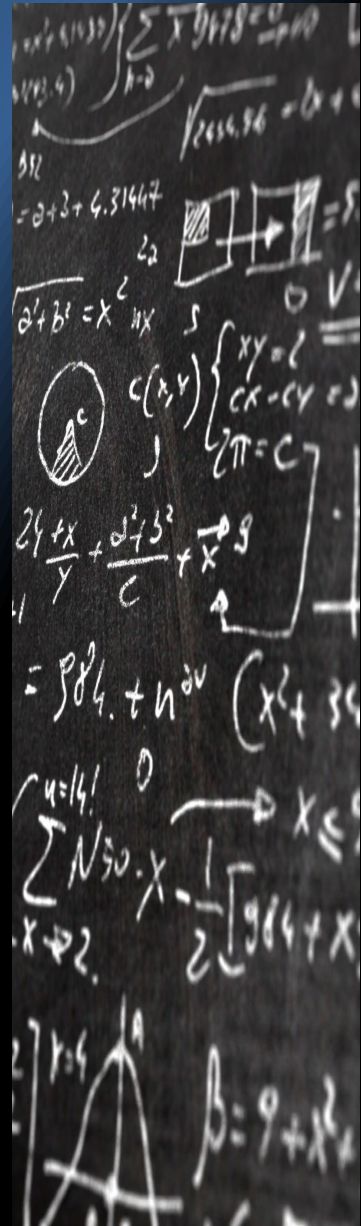
# Terms & Definitions



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- **Homiletics** ... “*the study of preparing and preaching sermons*”
  - **Hermeneutics**... “*the science of interpreting the scriptures*”
  - **Exegesis** ... “*the explanation or interpretation of texts*”

## Preparing The Message

- **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**

**Nehemiah 8:4-6**

And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood... And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with *their faces to the ground.*

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

# THE LUCKIEST PERSON ON EARTH

Pastor Nelson Price received a call from “Pistol Pete” Maravich, one of basketball’s greatest.

“Pastor, do you baptize people?” “Yes, I’ve been known to do that.” “I mean, do you put them all the way under?” “Yes, that’s the way to do it,” replied the pastor. “Would you baptize me?”

The pastor answered, “Come see me and let’s talk about it.” When the basketball legend walked into the pastor’s study, he saw an open Bible and other books on the desk. Floor to ceiling shelves were packed with books about the Bible.

Maravich asked, “Is this what you do – study the Bible and teach others?” “Yes,” said the preacher. “That’s the most important thing I do.” The young millionaire basketball star said with unmistakable conviction, “You are the luckiest man on earth!”

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