

TIPS ON DELIVERING AN EFFECTIVE SERMON

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1. ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR POWER; SUMMMARIZE YOUR THESIS – MAIN POINT—IN ONE COMPACT SENTENCE AT OR NEAR THE BEGINNING OF THE SERMON.
2. KNOW YOUR SUBJECT MATTER THOROUGHLY.
3. BE SURE THAT YOUR IDEAS FLOW NATURALLY. (CHECK YOUR OUTLINE.)
4. HAVE EYE CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS IN THE CONGREGATION, AND LOOK AT PEOPLE IN ALL AREAS OF THE ROOM.
5. SPEAK SLOWLY. RELAX.
6. USE THE BIBLE AS YOUR PRIMARY SOURCE.
7. SPRINKLE YOUR SERMON WITH A FEW STORIES, SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS, AND RELEVANT QUOTATIONS TO ADD INTEREST.
8. LIMIT YOUR READING TO SEGMENTS NO LONGER THAN 3-4 MINUTES.
9. SPEAK NATURALLY AND ENOUNCIATE EACH WORD DISTINCTLY.
10. NATURAL ARM AND FOOT MOVEMENT WILL ADD INTEREST TO YOUR PRESENTATION.
11. IF YOU MAKE A MISSTATEMENT OR LOSE YOUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT, IT IS FINE TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO REGAIN COMPOSURE.
12. THE SERMON IS LIKELY TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF IT IS SHORT RATHER THAN TOO LONG. (20-30 MINUTES.)
13. CLOSING: ALWAYS APPEAL OR CHALLENGE THE CONGREGTION TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO CHRIST IN SOME WAY.
14. YOU MAY WISH TO CLOSE WITH A BRIEF, POINTED, RELEVANT PRAYER.