**SERMON PREPARATION**

**PARTS OF A SERMON**

1. TITLE
2. TEXT
3. INTRO
4. BODY ( Division; Subdivision)
5. CHALLENGE/APPLICATION
6. CONCLUSION

**TYPES OF SERMON:**

**1. TOPICal** -focuses on the topic

* Covers the whole Bible as long as within the topic or relevant to the topic
* This type of sermon develops a topic or subject that the preacher chooses.
* Ex: prayer, holiness, separation, love, priorities, etc.
* This type of sermon requires the preacher to have an overall knowledge of the Bible and an ability to pull together related passages from different parts of the Bible to support the topic being preached.
* This skill is used in systematic theology.
* The use of a concordance or a topical Bible (Ex: Naves) is helpful in this type of sermon preparation.
* Example below

**"TOP PRIORITIES"**

\* WE NEED TO REALIZE WHAT OUR TOP PRIORITIES ARE! (according to God's Word)

**1.MY # 1 LOVE (Mark 12:28-33)**

(Priority Devotion)

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . . This is the first commandment" (v. 30).

**2. MY # 1 GOAL (Matthew 6:33)**

(Priority Ambition)

"Seek ye first . . ."

A. "THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

B. "AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS"

**3. MY # 1 JOB (I Timothy 2:1)**

(Priority Dedication)

"First of all supplications, prayers, . . . be made for all men."

**2. TEXTual**-usually 1-3 verses

* Focuses on the text being used
* Any topic is involved as long as it is related or relevant to the text
* This type of sermon usually develops a single verse of Scripture.
* The theme (Proposition) and main points come directly from the verse, but the minor points may be developed from other Scripture passages.
* This form of sermon is generally good for:
* Preaching to audiences with short attention spans
* (children; elderly)
* Preaching at occasions other than church services
* (Ex: banquets, funerals, etc.)
* Preaching "Great Bible Texts" or "Favorite Bible Verses" series
* Example below

 **"RESOLUTIONS"**

I Corinthians 15:58

\* God wants you to make four resolutions regarding your service for Jesus Christ.

**I. I WILL NOT QUIT IN MY SERVICE FOR CHRIST**

* "Be ye steadfast"

**II. I WILL NOT MOVE FROM MY SERVICE FOR CHRIST**

* "Unmovable"

**III. WILL NOT BECOME COMPLACENT IN MY SERVICE FOR CHRIST**

* "Always abounding . . ."

**IV. I WILL HAVE NO REGRETS IN MY SERVICE FOR CHRIST.**

* ". . . Not in vain"

**III. EXPOSITORY-usually 3 or more verses**

* This type of sermon unfolds a paragraph (or a "unit of thought") of Scripture. [Generally, two or more verses.]
* The theme or overall main point of the passage formulates your proposition.
* Your points (major and minor) are derived only from this singular passage of Scripture [Note: You may illustrate or explain by using other Scripture passages.].
* In expository preaching, the expositor digs into a paragraph from God's Word and pulls out significant, timeless truths.
* The Benefits of Preaching through a Book of the Bible:
* Eph 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--
* Eph 6:19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,
* Sample - Expository Outline:

"**Full Surrender"**

**Romans 12:1,2**

\* BECAUSE OF GOD'S MERCY, YOU SHOULD FULLY SURRENDER YOUR LIFE TO GOD.

What Does Full Surrender mean?

**I. FULL SURRENDER IS:**

-LETTING GOD HAVE YOUR LIFE

(A Sacrificed Life)

**A. WHAT KIND OF SACRIFICE DOES GOD WANT?**

1. A living sacrifice

2. A holy sacrifice

3. A acceptable sacrifice

**B. WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE SUCH A SACRIFICE?**

-- It is "your reasonable service" (Sacrifice is the logical, intelligent choice)

FULL SURRENDER IS:

**II. LETTING GOD CHANGE YOUR LIFE**

-(A Transformed Life)

**A. THE ENEMY OF A TRANSFORMED LIFE:**

-The World's Mould

**B. THE ENTRANCE INTO A TRANSFORMED LIFE:**

-A renewed mind

**C. THE END RESULT OF A TRANSFORMED LIFE:**

-The Will of God

**QUALITIES OF A GOOD SERMON**

* UNITY
* COHERENCE-there is relevance between divisions
* PROGRESS
* CLIMAX- reaches the desired end or conclusion

**STEPS IN PREPARING A SERMON**

**1. Choose the passage**

* Use a passage that you knew very well
* Do not use a text that you yourself is not familiar with or does not understand
* Use a passage that is very rich

**2. Study the passage**

* Read commentaries
* Henry Matthew from blueletterbible.com
* Download- e-sword

**3. Discover the main thrust of the passage or the proposition**

* Look for the big picture instead of the small parts of the whole.
* Understand the whole context

**4. Construct the sermon outline**

* Body of the Sermon
* Framework of the structure

**5. Develop the sermon outline**

**6. Write the introduction and conclusion**

**7. Depend upon the Spirit of God**