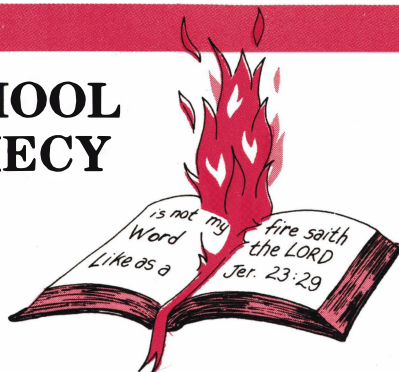


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*"The wind bloweth where it listeth,
and thou hearest the sound thereof,
but canst not tell whence it cometh,
and whither it goeth:
so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
Marvel not that I said unto thee,
Ye must be born again."*

John 3:8 & 7

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HOMILETICS

DECLARATION:

The widely accepted definition of Homiletics is: “The branch of theology dealing with the writing and preaching of sermons.” **However, the more practical meaning is:** “Homiletics is a Bible School Course of instruction that equips the Christian teacher and minister with the ability and skill to express and communicate the Gospel and Bible Doctrines in sermons, in seminar instruction, and in Bible Teaching classes, arranged in an organized and unified manner, possessing both consistency and coherence.”

Even a Christian who only communicates and witnesses about salvation through Jesus Christ to his family and friends can profit greatly from a practical course of Bible-oriented Homiletics. **Homiletics is not necessarily a theological subject** — it is a bona fide preparatory course in mental and spiritual exercises to help a Christian teach, preach, witness, and communicate to others his experience in Christ, and the knowledge of God’s Word.

Most Christians have at least one severe personality defect — that is, lack of ability to communicate and share with others their knowledge of God. To wit, as the Apostle of our Lord exhorted that all Christians should prepare themselves to do: “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: **and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.**” I Peter 3:15

Now, let’s go on with vigor and zeal in the quest for the ability to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Doctrines of God’s Word in a unified manner that possesses both consistency and coherence. However, remember, this requires great effort!

INTRODUCTORY SCRIPTURES.

Note this apostolic order of the New Testament to every Christian layman and minister: “**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**” II Tim. 2:15.

Also note carefully that the order was neither to abrogate the Old Testament, nor to annul the Old Testament scriptures. This Biblical order did not say to mutilate the Bible or to reject New Testament commandments and exhortations — **it is saying:** “Study to present the scriptures in an orderly arrangement, in an organized and unified manner that possesses both consistency and coherence, so that the Christian teacher won’t be put to shame.” **Be sure to keep this vital**

Truth vividly in your memory: “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures [i.e., Old Testament scriptures] might have hope.” Rom. 15:4. Much of the Old Testament was accepted and taught by the early church.

[OUR FOUNDATION]

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God [i.e., brothers to all Christians]; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles [i.e., the New Testament scriptures] and prophets [i.e., the Old Testament scriptures], Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.” Eph. 2:19-20. The Old Testament is a vital part of a true Christian’s legacy from Jesus Christ and His Apostles — and, it is a vital part of the message a Christian must share and communicate to others.

LESSON EXPOSITION

[HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE]

The best method of expressing and communicating the Gospel, and of teaching Bible Doctrines is in the same manner that the Bible is correctly studied and learned, to wit:

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept** [i.e., scripture upon scripture]; **line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little** [i.e., here a scripture, and there a scripture]. . . But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; [right here, pause and note what results from rejecting the teaching of God’s Word in this divinely directed manner], that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken [i.e., taken captive by the Devil in his trap or device].” Isaiah 28:9-13.

[THIS EFFECTS CHRISTIAN UNITY]

If 100 newly born-again Christians (or even 100 average persons) were presented 10 scriptures from the Holy Bible that truly apply to any doctrine or subject — before they are brainwashed by a seminary, or by a perverted or misguided Bible instructor — **they all would see the same thing.**

You see: “Precept upon precept, precept upon precept” is 4 verses or scriptures from the Bible.

“Line upon line, line upon line” is also at least 4 verses or scriptures.

“Here a little, there a little” is at least 2 scriptures. These add up to at least 10 scriptures on a Biblical subject or doctrine. Then just simply believe what the scriptures say! **Now**, if on the subject of Salvation, Baptism, the Godhead, Heaven, Hell, Healing, the Holy Ghost Baptism, spiritual gifts, the Lord’s Supper, the Ten Commandments, etc., a Bible teacher arranged 10 or more scriptures relevant to these Bible subjects, all who received this instruction would receive the identical understanding or theological persuasion. **It takes spiritual brainwashing by the twisting or perverting of the Holy Scriptures to produce error in knowledge and doctrine.** The spirit of error is alive and hyperactive in most preachers and teachers alive today. Cf. I John 4:1-6.

[A PLEDGE]

This Bible lesson teaches no error, but we teach the Truth, the Whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth — precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little, so that Satan and his ministers cannot Bewitch, Deceive, or Beguile you with enticing words.

- (1) **“For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.”** II Cor. 2:17.
- (2) **“[We] have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.”** II Cor. 4:2.
- (3) **“Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.”** I Sam. 12:23.

[A WARNING]

This course in Homiletics is not a theological gimmick nor a lesson of psychological folly — it is instruction for Christian expression in the skillful use of God’s Word with Holy Ghost anointing; but listen to this Apostolic warning: “I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. **For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers.**” I Cor. 4:14-15. Many there are to teach, but few to be responsible for the results of their teaching. **Also: “And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. . . 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.”** Col. 2:4, 8. Most Bible instruction is full of deceit! So Beware!

[BEWARE OF TEACHERS WHO DO NOT RIGHTLY DIVIDE GOD'S WORD]

“But there were false prophets also among the people, **even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies...**” II Peter 2:1-20.

- (1) These cannot cease from sin. Verse 14.
- (2) They speak evil of the way of Truth (true Holiness). Verse 2.
- (3) These speak evil of divine things they don't understand. Verse 12.
- (4) They forsook the right way and have gone astray. Verse 15.
- (5) They speak great swelling words of vanity that appeal to those who live in the flesh. Verse 18.
- (6) They bring a person in bondage to sin, not liberty in Christ. Verse 19.

Right here let's add the warning of Jesus Christ:

(7) “Woe unto you, scribes [teachers] and Pharisees, hypocrites! **for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte [church member], and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.**” Matt. 23:15.

Bible teachers are everywhere in today's sick and Laodicean church, and religious culture — but very few teach God's Word precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little — and even most Christians are falling backward and being snared by the devil at his will. Cf. II Tim. 2:25-26.

[SCRIPTURE TWISTING IS A DANGEROUS GAME THAT MANY FOOLISH CHRISTIANS & PERVERTED TEACHERS PLAY]

Hell will be filled with more preachers and Bible teachers than “Philadelphia” lawyers — those who have twisted God's Word and have blindly and ignorantly misled and deceived those equally blind and ignorant. Bible doctrines are very difficult to understand and teach, and, God anoints but very few men to teach doctrine as this Apostolic warning reveals:

“Even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; **in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest [or twist], as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**” II Peter 3:15-16.

[SPEAKING WITH AUTHORITY]

Jesus and His apostles spake with authority because they said what God's Word said! Jesus used this term in confronting Satan and all adversaries: “**It is written.**” Jesus quoted from the Old Testament!

We are also commanded to speak with authority as God's servants and ministers, to wit:

(1) "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes [i.e., not as those teachers who twisted the scriptures]. Matt. 7:28-29.

(2) Also: "**But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine...These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority** [i.e., rebuke by the scriptures]." Titus 2:1, 15.

(3) The Apostle Paul commanded the young Christian, Timothy: "**These things command and teach.**" I Tim. 4:11. Use the authority of the scriptures!

(4) Again: "**These things teach and exhort.**" I Tim. 6:2.

(5) Also: "**Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.**" I Tim. 5:20. Use scriptural authority.

(6) And especially: "**Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine** [God's Word]." II Tim. 4:2. This is the authority given to the Christian who knows, believes, and lives by the Word of God!

[LEARN TO READ THE BIBLE DISTINCTLY, & QUOTE THE WORD OF GOD ACCURATELY]

This course in Homiletics will teach and train you to speak and write on Bible doctrines and subjects in a cohesive and consistent manner that will give light and understanding to those who listen and read. **Our responsibilities as Christians are not just to get a profession of faith from a non-Christian, but to "turn many to righteousness" or holiness.** Daniel 12:3.

To wit: "Brethren, if any of you [Christian brethren] do err from the truth, and one convert him [i.e., turn the erring Christian back to the truth]; **Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner** [i.e., the Christian brother or sister who has sinned or erred from the truth] **from the error of his way shall save a soul from death** [i.e., spiritual death], **and shall hide a multitude of sins.**" James 5:19-20. Turned to Holiness!

PART A. THE MOTIVATED SEQUENCE.

DISCUSSION.

Men need to be motivated to Repent of their sins and to Receive Eternal Life thru Jesus Christ. Christians need to be motivated to live holy in full obedience to God's Word. **Most preachers are flamboyant and exotic, and they motivate God's people to live like the world, and to rebel against God's Word that demands a holy life-style.** Sinners are either "Bewitched" or they are Turned-off to religion completely by playboy preachers and "gospel" showmen who are also money-grabbers!

MOTIVATE WHO?

Our fellow Americans, Canadians, Latin Americans, and men of all races are going to hell who do not Repent and give up their sins and idolatrous life-styles. **Every Christian has the responsibility to motivate fellow Christians to live a holy life-style — to be an example, that is.** Every true Christian has the sobering responsibility to motivate their unsaved family, their relatives and neighbors to Repent and to live Holy; and, every Christian has the responsibility to motivate true men of God (preachers) to teach and exhort God's people to live holy, and to preach that men must Repent or Perish! To wit:

"Young men [Christians] likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself **a pattern of good works:** in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, **Sound speech** [i.e., with coherence and consistency that will motivate other Christians to live a holy life-style], **that cannot be condemned;** that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Titus 2:6-8. **Sound speech! What is that? The Answer:**

- (1) "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine..." Titus 2:1.
- (2) "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." I Peter 4:11. An oracle? Speak what the Word of God says — not human opinions or ideas!
- (3) "**For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God.**" John 3:34. Here lies the proof of God's calling to teach others in great part!

[IS A BIG MOUTH NECESSARY?]

A big mouth is not an asset to motivate men to Repent and Live a Holy Life-style. **A good example is the best witness for Jesus Christ. Not a big mouth.** The Holy Scriptures exhort every Christian: "but be thou an example of the believers..." I Tim. 4:12. Also: "Be a pattern!" (Titus 2:7).

Jesus declared that a true Christian (and most professing Christians are not really born-again) is “a light” and “salt of the earth.” Matt. 5:13-14. Both light and salt are silent, but are powerfully vital for our existence and well-being. **So we conclude, that a big mouth is a liability to a genuine Christian.**

[HOW DO WE MOTIVATE MEN TO REPENTANCE & HOLINESS?]

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: **and be ready always** to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” I Peter 3:15. Just be ready!

Now, notice the sequence of our witness to our faith in the Bible and Jesus Christ:

- (1) Let Christ sit on the throne of your heart (be sanctified).
 - (2) Be ready at all opportunities to motivate men to Christ and His Righteousness.
 - (3) Patiently wait for the opportunity to witness, letting your light shine by a holy life-style.
 - (4) Confidently, by sound speech with meekness, relate your conversion to Christ according to the scriptures. **The Holy Ghost gave you the opportunity**, and now, He will follow up your motivating witness with conviction, which can bring Godly Sorrow, and True Repentance.
- “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of [i.e., not to be regretted later].”** II Cor. 7:10. Your follow-up is to pray much for the person (or group) you encountered and motivated into an acute interest in Christ and Eternal Life.

I. ATTENTION.

SUMMARIZATION.

The motivated sequence consists of Attention, Need, Satisfaction, Visualization, and Action. Remember this: **Motivate means** “to provide an incentive; to stir the inner drive or impulses; to cause a person to respond in a certain way; to stir the emotions or create incentives for greater activity in an individual to reach a goal for reward; to stimulate a person to keep and carry out his intentions.” Remember, a group is made up of individuals — and God deals with them individually.

[MOTIVATED TO DO EVIL]

- (1) “A soft answer turneth away wrath: **but grievous words stir up anger.**” Prov. 15:1. “Stir up” is to Motivate!
- (2) “And they **stir:red up** [motivated] the people. . . and came upon him, and caught him.” Acts 6:12. The Jews were stirred up to kill Stephen.
- (3) “But the Jews **stirred up** the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.” Acts 13:50.
- (4) “They [the Jews] came thither also, and **stirred up** the people [to persecute Paul].” Acts 17:13.
- (5) “The Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, **stirred up** [motivated] all the people, and laid hands on him [Paul].” Acts 21:27.

[MOTIVATED TO DO GOOD]

- (1) The accusation at Jesus’ trial was: “And they were the more fierce, saying, **He stirreth up the people**, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.” Luke 23:5. Jesus motivated people into decision-making everywhere He went!
- (2) “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou **stir up** the gift of God, which is in thee.” II Tim. 1:6. Weak and hesitating Christians must be motivated into complete submission to the word of God.
- (3) The Apostle Peter exhorted Christians: “Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle [that is, his mortal body], **to stir you up** [i.e., to motivate you] by putting you in remembrance [i.e., in remembrance of the whole Truth of God].” II Peter 1:13.
- (4) Also: “This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which **I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.**” II Peter 3:1. May God anoint these Bible Lessons to do this effectively also.
- (5) Today’s Church is like God’s prophet exclaimed:

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities,

like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, **that stirreth up himself** [i.e., none is motivated] to take hold of thee.” Isa. 64:6-7.

It takes the anointed piercing messages of a true prophet of God to motivate Christians to turn back to God’s Holiness, and to motivate preachers to quit being moral cowards and soothsayers — to incite and stimulate them to preach True Repentance and Holiness! Now get stirred up so you can stir others.

[YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE TO THIS VITAL MATTER]

(1) Except men Repent, they will all perish. Luke 13:5; Acts 17:30; II Peter 3:9.

(2) Without Holiness, no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12:14; II Cor. 7:1; I Thess. 4:7-8; Luke 1:74-75.

a. GETTING AN INDIVIDUAL’S OR GROUP’S ATTENTION.

SUMMARIZATION.

The art of teaching consists and depends greatly upon one’s ability to command the mental concentration, that is, to attract the interest and mind of another person or group to one’s self and his speech, witness, or Bible instruction. The spoken Word is powerful if anointed of the Holy Ghost — that is, if the speaker can command the interest and attention of a person or group. However, the written Word of God or written Bible instruction is more effective because of the quietness, interest, and concentration centered upon printed matter. **Once a famous philosopher declared with verity, “The pen is mightier than the sword,”** which is still true.

[COMPOSITION]

Every Christian needs the ability to communicate their witness and Bible exhortations not only orally, but especially by pen and ink — that is, expression by the art of writing or pure old English composition. It is easier for most people to write a true expression of their feeling of love, concern, or just “thanks” and appreciation, than to declare it by word of mouth. Telling of God’s love for a person and that person’s need of God will usually be accepted easier in a written form of letter than by personal confrontation. **Rebuke or correction is also more likely to be rejected by word of mouth than by letter!** However, a personal approach in all these matters is very often necessary and effective, **if**, (Remember this **if**) the Christian is prepared to motivate another individual or group to listen attentively, and to respond positively.

[Rule No. 1 To Follow]

The best rule to follow in regards to Teaching and Witnessing **effectively** is:

Don't attempt to Teach or Witness to another person or a group until you have their undivided attention.

b.] HOW TO GET AN INDIVIDUAL'S OR GROUP'S ATTENTION!

SUMMARY.

Methods of attention-getting vary from one situation to another—from one person to another, and from one group to another. Many variables will be present and this will require prayer, wisdom, and study of the opportunity God has presented you. **Here again, extreme care and preparation is a valuable asset to every Christian to teach, preach, and, always motivate.** However, the first requisite is ever to get the attention of the person or group you address your speech or remarks to. Remember, your responsibility is to Motivate that person or group to accept your witness, reproof, correction, or instruction in righteousness, II Tim. 3:16-17, **as follows:**

(1) Use the Word of God to get attention.

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. **Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.**” Col. 4:5-6.

(2) “[Speak] Sound speech, that cannot be condemned.” Titus 2:8.

(3) “Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech.” II Cor. 3:12. Speak distinctly!

(4) Use anecdotes that illustrate the Truth of your witness or Teaching.

(5) Use quotes or poems from famous authors that are germain or in harmony with the subject of your presentation whether written or verbal.

(6) Use statistics, newspaper items, or current events of popular interest that are relevant to the theme of your sermon, Bible teaching, witness or written article to a particular group or individual.

(7) Use accounts of your own experience in God's grace (as briefly as possible), or give a brief account of your life as a sinner, or tell some miracle in your life that will relate to the group or individual to which you witness, teach, or preach to. This is very effective if the purpose is to focus attention on Christ, and not on the speaker or author.

(8) **Using quotations from famous Church Hymns or Gospel Songs** to help get the attention of people is usually very effective. Be sure however to use the stanzas of good songs that give substance to the very subject on which you speak. When used discreetly and appropriately, these Holy Ghost-inspired poems that have been set to music can command the attention of the most rebellious, and often motivate them to tears. If this is the result, **then** is the God-given opportunity for the Christian worker to speak his anointed message or witness, often **motivating** the sinner to Repentance and Salvation thru Jesus Christ, or motivating Christians to a closer walk with the Lord.

[A NOTE OF CAUTION]

These suggestions to methods of attention-getting are not gimmicks nor psychology. These are “attention-getters” such as Jesus Himself used to command the attention of individuals and groups so that he could effectively teach them, and motivate them to respond positively to the conditions he set forth in His appeal and offer to come and receive Eternal Life. To wit:

(1) “Behold, a sower went forth to sow...” Matt. 13:3. This introduced Christ’s vital message and warning.

(2) “A certain man had two sons...” Luke 15:11. This introduced Christ’s motivating message about the Prodigal Son.

(3) “There was a certain rich man... And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores...” Luke 16:19-20. **These words were the introduction to Christ’s greatest warning and message about Hell!** This got their attention!

(4) Christ’s first sermon began with this scripture, and it captivated His audience: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor... to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord [i.e., proclaim the year of Jubilee].” Luke 4:18-19. Another introductory attention-getter of Christ was: “It is written in the law of Moses,” or “Moses said.”

[SEIZE THE INITIATIVE]

Always speak or write your witness of God’s Word and Message without hesitation or uncertainty — that is, speak with authority. However, this boldness is not aggressiveness or being pushy — it is a consciousness of a situation that is God-given, and our spirits should respond by seizing the initiative thru Holy Ghost inspiration.

[A GENUINE INTEREST]

A genuine interest in the group or individual to which we address our speech or writings is an absolute must. **A Christian witness, teach-**

er, or preacher must make the person or group whose attention he seeks, to feel a sincere interest in their welfare. Most Christians who witness or preach about Christ have been taught “positive thinking” as the basis of the successful motivation of others. However, a genuine Christian should be led and anointed by the Holy Ghost, displaying love, interest, and faith — by friendliness manifested by a smile, a hearty greeting, or a warm handshake to an individual, or to as many in a group situation as possible.

[HOW ABOUT ANGER TO ATTENTION!]

Anger has often motivated men to fear God, when that anger resulted in a holy man of God from his righteous indignation induced by the rebellion or unbelief in the group or individual in God and His Word, to wit:

(1) “And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, **and his anger was kindled greatly.**” I Sam. 11:6. Saul’s anger was stirred because of Israel’s enemies, the Ammonites, who threatened God’s people. This anger, initiated by God’s Spirit, motivated Saul who in turn motivated Israel to resist the enemy. Read verses 1-11.

(2) “**And Samuel hewed [King] Agag in pieces before the Lord.**” I Sam. 15:33. The prophet executed the pagan king and adversary of God’s people while motivated by “righteous indignation,” being zealous for the Lord. Please read verses 20-33.

(3) “And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal [850 of them]; let not one of them escape. **And they took them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.**” I Kings 18:40. Righteous anger motivated God’s prophet to destroy these false prophets — and, he got the people’s attention — and kept it!

(4) **John the Baptist, the first gospel preacher, was motivated by anger** — and he got the church’s attention and kept it ’til his death, to wit:

“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Saducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” Matt. 3:7.

(5) **Jesus Motivated Men Thru Anger and Got Their Undivided Attention!** To wit:

“[Jesus] **looked around about on them with anger.**” Mark 3:5. “But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. . . ye fools and blind. . . ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell?” Matt. 23:13, 17, 33.

Also: “[Jesus] found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple [i.e., the crooked preachers], and the sheep, and the oxen.” John 2:14-15.

Any Christian or man of God should get angry (motivated) at the right provocation — that is, when God’s righteousness is being insulted — and rebuke with all boldness and authority! Why? Attempting to keep men out of Hell! Love and anger are compatible — for God gets angry also! Study Numbers 25:1-13, Deut. 9:7-9, 18-25.

[USE NO FLATTERY]

“A flattering mouth worketh ruin.” Prov. 26:28. “Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: **with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.** The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips.” Psa. 12:1-3.

Rule No. 2 to use in motivating men to righteousness is: Don’t be pushy or a smart-alec. Be an example and a pattern of what a Christian really is — not just a big mouth!

NOTES:

II. THE NEED.

SUMMARIZATION.

Pointing men to their need is one problem — but persuading them to accept God's help as prescribed by His Word is quite another problem. However, this area of motivation is where the battle for a soul is either won or lost. Every individual who is unsaved, every backslider, and every world-conforming Christian must be made aware of their needs — and, motivated to accept your help and God's. Too many times, tragically, the sinner, backslider and lukewarm Christian fail to respond positively to a Christian's or minister's effort to turn them to God or Restoration because of their lack of honesty, truthfulness, or knowledge of God's Word.

[THE WHOLE TRUTH]

(1) **Every sinner** should be pointed to his need to Repent of his sins and to receive Jesus as Lord — or perish in God's judgment and hell! Cf. Acts 3:19; Luke 13:3; 5:32; II Peter 3:9; Acts 17:30.

(2) **Every Backslider** must be motivated to turn back to God and Jesus Christ through True Repentance — or perish in hell! Cf. Matt. 5:29-30; Rev. 2:5, 16; Heb. 3:12; 4:11; Luke 15:24, 32.

(3) **Every Lukewarm and World-Conforming Christian** must be rebuked by the Holy Scriptures to reveal their needs before God and thus be motivated to return to God's Holiness and Holy Life-style, or, suffer God's terrible judgments for their Sin and Rebellion against His Word.

To Wit: Study the Following Scriptures Carefully.

Gal. 4:9 19-20	I Tim. 5:6	Hos. 4:6	Rev. 3:1-2
Gal. 2:17-18	I John 2:15-16	Isa. 5:13-14	Rev. 3:14-19
II Thess. 3:6	James 4:1-4	Isa. 1:2-6	Rev. 2:4-5

Erring brethren, or Christians, must be rebuked, warned, and reprovved by God's Word through other faithful Christians to alert them to the consciousness of a vital need in their lives — to turn them back to the Truth and Repentance. The Motivation of each erring Christian depends on the ability of that faithful Christian to warn them of the consequence of their Rebellion, Sin, or Worldliness by and through God's Word.

(4) Don't Let Fear Destroy Your Witness To the Pointing Out of an Individual's Need!

(a) "The fear of man bringeth a snare." Prov. 29:25.

(b) "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Tim. 1:7.

(c) "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment." I John 4:18.

A true witness of God's grace and Christ's love must not fear failure, loss, or bodily harm in communicating and instructing others through

God's Word. God's Word **only** contains the terms and conditions of Reconciliation and Restoration back to God Himself. **Men must find the person of God and His favor — not accept some dead theology or dogma of religion.** Repent, quit sinning, receive Christ as Saviour and Lord — obey God's Word — these acts of faith and submission bring the sinner and erring Christian into the right relationship with God Himself as a legitimate son, but not a professor or hypocrite.

[DEATH, HELL & JUDGMENT]

(1) "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27.

(2) "Then shall he [Jesus] say also unto them on the left hand [on judgment day], Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41. **Jesus will cast rebellious men into hell fire!**

(3) "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: **but rather fear him** [i.e., God] **which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**" Matt. 10:28. Jesus warned of Hell in His sermons to impress upon men their needs, and to motivate them to Repent!

(4) "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers [these were religious people], how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" Matt. 23:33. The most pressing request of the rich man in hell, as told by Jesus, was: "Send Lazarus to warn my five brethren of this terrible place." (Luke 16:27-28.)

[SIN]

It is necessary to point out Sin in the lives of the Sinner, Backslider, and Lukewarm Christian. The need is not usually obvious, nor the warning readily acceptable except to the one whose heart the Holy Ghost has prepared. Be very cautious about pointing out the sins in an individual's life unless you're ready for combat — and be sure to use the "Sword of the Spirit" which is the Word of God, skillfully! Cf. Eph. 6:17.

(1) "**For all have sinned** [sinners, i.e.], and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

(2) "**Repent ye therefore, and be converted,** that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19.

(3) "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psa. 51:5.

(4) "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, **and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**" I John 1:9.

(5) "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law [i.e., God's 10 Commandments]: for sin is the transgression of the law." I John 3:4.

(6) **“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”** Isa. 59:2.

(7) “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities [rebellions], like the wind, have taken us away.” Isa. 64:6.

Rule No. 3 to be remembered in motivating men to seek God for their need of forgiveness and salvation is: Don't fear to point out men's sins, and warn them of God's judgments and Hell that await those who refuse to Repent! But, be led by the Spirit of God!

NOTES:

III. SATISFACTION FROM “RECEIVING” GOD’S MERCY AND GRACE.

SUMMARIZATION.

Contrary to popular opinion, it is still more blessed to give than to receive. Cf. Acts 20:35. However, Jesus declared that receiving must precede giving: “Freely ye have received [i.e. His disciples], freely give.” Matt. 10:8. **True faith brings one into God’s grace!** A Christian’s life-style should reflect satisfaction and happiness because God has supplied his needs — and then communicate this satisfaction that results from receiving Christ, and God’s forgiveness of sins thru old-fashioned Repentance — i.e., through our turning away from and giving up of our sins.

[REPENTANCE LEADS TO SATISFACTION]

Satisfaction is an intangible gift of grace, but the true substance of faith in God. Heb. 11:1. Satisfaction is the realization and identification of our desires with the substance of our possessions received through believing. Satisfaction is a part of happiness, which consists not of having, but of being; not of possessing, but of enjoying. True happiness is the satisfying of the soul, not of the mind or the body. Jesus Christ brings joy, which is the result of the happiness He puts in a saved person’s soul, and in turn gives extreme satisfaction. When a penitent sinner or erring Christian repents and receives forgiveness of sins, there is joy in the soul, and peace with Goel. Cf. Rom. 5:1; Luke 19:6. Satisfaction in the Christian’s character can be monitored by an observing sinner, and become a source of motivation to seek God. To wit:

(1) “They shall be **abundantly satisfied** with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.” Psalm 36:8. The old hymn of the church expresses this so beautifully: “O the joy of sins forgiven, O the bliss the blood-washed know, O the peace akin to heaven, Where the healing waters flow.”

(2) “For he **satisfieth** the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.” Psalm 107:9. A soul that Christ set free from sin is fully satisfied!

(3) “He that loveth silver [i.e., money] **shall not be satisfied** with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.” Eccl. 5:10. **Material possessions can never satisfy the longing of man’s soul — only Jesus can.** Our soul in full possession of God’s intangible object of our love, not the tangible object of the 5 senses, brings full satisfaction.

(4) “Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that **which satisfieth not?** hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in

fatness." Isa. 55:2. The love of material and physical possessions makes the owner thereof miserable even with God in his life. Cf. Luke 12:15-34.

(5) "My people shall be **satisfied** with my goodness." Jer. 31:14.

(6) Jesus offered this appeal: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, **and I will give you rest**. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: **and ye shall find rest unto your souls**." Matt. 11:28-29; also cf. Jer. 6:16. No person can receive from God the Father except through Jesus. John 14:6.

(7) "And the disciples [of Christ] were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost." Acts 13:53. They were filled with great satisfaction upon receiving Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

(8) **The Prodigal Son.**

The Father said of his rebellious, backslidden son:

"For this my son was dead [i.e., spiritually], and is alive again [spiritually]; he was lost [i.e., dead in sins and trespasses], and is found [Reconciled and Restored]. **And they began to be merry.**" Luke 15:24.

Rule No. 4 to follow in motivating men to righteousness is: Emphasize God's terms for His grace to be bestowed upon an individual — True Repentance, and Believing in Christ unto Obedience! Receiving God's grace always brings the deep satisfying of men's souls.

IV. VISUALIZATION

SUMMARIZATION.

“To Visualize” means to form a mental image of something not present to the sight; to envision as to form a mental image.” Before an individual is saved, he visualizes the satisfaction of having his guilt removed, his sins purged — i.e., set free from cursing, lying, immorality, smoking, drunkenness, crime, dope addiction, gambling, and other depravity. A backslidden Christian before Restoration back into the Lord’s grace, visualizes, as the Prodigal Son of Luke 15, the satisfaction of Fellowship and Sonship with God. His discontent of guilt, fear, and misery coupled with a vivid visualization of the satisfaction that comes from walking with God, leads the sinner to Reconciliation with God, and the backslidden or lukewarm Christian back to Restoration — and these are only possible through True Repentance.

[THE SINNER]

“Despiseth thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that **the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?**” Rom. 2:4.

[THE CHRISTIAN]

(1) Remember therefore from whence **thou art fallen, and repent**, and do the first works.” Rev. 2:5.

(2) Christ to the lukewarm Laodicean Church said: “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, **and repent.**” Rev. 3:19. **No Reconciliation or Restoration to God is possible except through True Repentance! This must be emphasized!**

[MOTIVATE]

How? A Christian should motivate sinners and backsliders to Repentance, Reconciliation, and Restoration to the Lord by manifesting the satisfaction he possesses through the Fruit of the Spirit — Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance (or Self-Control). Gal. 5:22-23. Herein lies the essential and vital element — these are the crucial complements to a Christian’s witness or message to motivate men to righteousness, to help them visualize the satisfaction that results from True Repentance of sin, True Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and a holy life-style. To wit:

(1) “I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, **but Christ liveth in me.**” Gal. 2:20.

(2) Also: “**And if Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” Rom. 8:10.

(3) Study also Rev. 3:20; Col. 1:27; II Cor. 6:16; Eph. 3:17; John 17:23. Christ must be revealed through us, the true saints of God!

[TO VISUALIZE SONSHIP]

(1) “But as many as received him [Jesus], to them gave he power to **become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name.” John 1:12.

(2) “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be **called the sons of God**. . . Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**. . . [and] when he shall appear, we shall be like him. . .” I John 3:1-2.

(3) “Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature** [i.e., creation]: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” II Cor. 5:17. You must help the sinner or backslider to visualize being a new person with new desires and loves — old habits and sinful desires gone! The new nature is the nature of Christ!

(4) After being saved, the Ethiopian “went on his way **rejoicing**.” Acts 8:39. Satisfied with Jesus in his heart!

(5) The Roman jailer received Christ as Lord and Saviour, “and **rejoiced**, believing in God with all his house.” Acts 16:34.

(6) Zaccheus, the tax collector “received him [Christ] **joyfully**,” and was gloriously saved and his whole house. Luke 19:6.

Every Christian witness and preacher should motivate men to visualize the satisfaction of being a new creature in Christ — the joy of shouting, “I’m no longer lost,” or “Praise God, my sins are gone,” or “I’m not going to hell,” or “Now, I’m a son of God!”

Rule No. 5 to follow in motivating men to righteousness through Repentance to God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is: Be sure that men can see Jesus in you, and then speak His Word with all boldness and authority! Cf. Acts 4:29.

V. ACTION!

SUMMARIZATION.

Jesus declared with finality: “For without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5. The Apostle of Christ shouted his consent thusly: “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Phil. 4:13. Then going further on he declared: “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:19. Every Christian witness, preacher, and teacher must emphasize to sinners, backsliders and oppressed Christians: **God resisteth the proud, but grants grace to the humble!** Cf. James 4:6; I Peter 5:5.

Every sinner, backslider, or needy Christian must fully submit to God — that is, cast themselves before God in a helpless dependence to qualify to receive His grace and the blessings of Calvary.

[FAITH IN ACTION]

(1) “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. **For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.**” James 1:6-7. This is the Gospel Truth and a Holy Ghost warning.

(2) “But without faith it is impossible to please him [God]; for he that cometh to God must believe that he [God] is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Heb. 11:6.

(3) Jesus gave 3 qualifications for an individual to receive Grace and Discipleship, to wit:

— Forsake relatives and hate his own life or “**he cannot be my disciple.**” Luke 14:26.

— “Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, **cannot be my disciple.**” Verse 27.

— “So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, **he cannot be my disciple.**” Verse 33.

[COUNT THE COST]

A sinner, backslider, or lukewarm Christian who seeks Calvary's grace, should be distinctly told of his responsibility to obey and serve God. Jesus frankly warned a man whom he forgave and healed: “Behold, thou art made whole [i.e., Restored]: **sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.**” John 5:14. Jesus again warned of an individual accepting Christ but not counting the cost whether that person could finish the race in the parable of the man who began building a tower but had insufficient means to finish it. Cf. Luke 14:28-29. Every “would-be” Christian or weak Christian must be told the whole truth about becoming a true believer and saint: They must overcome the flesh, sin, and the world — and, this means warfare with the devil — and it won't be easy!

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

John 12:42-43	Phil. 1:29	Phil. 3:17-19	I John 2:3-6
John 8:47	Matt. 20:26	II Tim 3:5-7	I John 2:29
John 6:66	John 8:31	Titus 1:16	I John 3:6-10

[REPENT]

Repentance is obedient action that has been motivated by the Holy Ghost. God has commanded men everywhere to Repent or Perish in Hell. Cf. Acts 2:38-39; II Peter 3:9. To wit:

(1) “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” Prov. 28:13.

(2) **Note This Carefully:** “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. **For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.**” Eccl. 12:13-14.

(3) “And as he [Paul] reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and **judgment to come**, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.” Acts 24:25. Men who need God must tremble, and Repent: Motivated by the Fear of God!

(4) The Prophet exclaimed:

“**Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**” Psa. 2:11. Also: “My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and **I am afraid of thy judgments.**” Psa. 119:120. So must we!

(5) “**Awake to righteousness, and sin not;** for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.” I Cor. 15:34. Men must be taught that all sin must be forsaken in order to receive God’s grace!

[ACCESS TO GOD]

“We then... beseech you also **that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.** (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)” II Cor. 6:1-2.

NOTE CAREFULLY:

A saved person can receive the grace of God in vain! Verse 1. Also: “I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, **unless ye have believed in vain.**” I Cor. 15:1-2.

[THE ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS]

There is a time for each individual to come to God which is determined by the Holy Ghost — for as God has warned: “My spirit shall not always strive with man.” Gen. 6:3. Also, as Jesus warned: “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw

him." John 6:44. God can only receive an individual into His grace on His own terms — not the individual's, to wit: "Many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them...for he knew what was in man." John 2:23-25. **Jesus rejected them, and all who do not Repent and unconditionally surrender to Him on His conditions** — "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:5. Also cf. Mark 1:14-15; Luke 24:45-47.

(1) "For through him [i.e., Jesus] we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." Eph. 2:18.

(2) "In whom [i.e., Jesus] we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him." Eph. 3:12.

(3) "By whom [i.e., Jesus] also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Rom. 5:2.

(4) "[God] having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he [God] hath made us accepted in the beloved [Jesus Christ]." Eph. 1:5-6.

(5) "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him [Jesus], seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25.

[MOTIVATE MEN TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST]

Jesus declared: "No man cometh unto the Father, but by [or through] me." John 14:6.

However, Jesus revealed also: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me," and, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." John 6:37,44.

Who will the Father give to Christ for salvation? Answer: Only those who truly Repent to the Father! Cf. also Acts 10:34-35; 3:19; 20:21; 26:30; Mark 6:12-13; II Cor. 7:10; Matt. 11:20-24.

VI. PREACHING & TEACHING FROM NOTES

SUMMARY.

It has been said proverbially: “A short pencil is better than a long mind.” This is more often true than not. Using notes or an outline in preaching and teaching is the best method at least 99% of the time. Most Christians have average minds and average abilities to memorize in an organized and proper sequence.

Rule No. 6 to use in motivating men to accept Christ as Lord, or to correct their errant ways, or to accept the true doctrines of God’s Word is: Don’t trust your memory — use notes!

Forgetting a key scripture, an illustration, or an inspired thought, can result in failure to produce the right motivation in an individual to get the “yes” response you and the Holy Ghost are seeking.

A. PREPARING AN OUTLINE.

DECLARATION.

Any message or sermon on any subject by any teacher or preacher or witness should be accented fully by the Holy Scripture — Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little. Isa. 28:9-10. The Motivated Sequence — Attention, Need, Satisfaction, Visualization, and Action can be employed very successfully and forcefully by an outline consisting primarily of scripture references.

REMEMBER THIS FOR PREACHING & TEACHING FROM NOTES:

(1) Example No. 1.

An outline of Bible subjects for teaching and preaching that are long and conclusive should be typed on loose leaf paper and compiled in a small loose leaf notebook. Outline Number One, “God’s Covenant of Grace” is an example.

(2) Example No. 2.

A short outline should be on 4 x 6 cards together with several blank cards that mark your Bible at the scripture reference for quick referral. This system for motivated teaching and preaching will ever be more successful than the scatterbrain system of “opening your mouth and let the Lord fill it” as many profess to adhere to. An Example is Outline Number Two — “The Other Side of God.”

EXAMPLE. OUTLINE NO. 1**SUBJECT: GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE.****TEXT:**

John 1:17. "Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ."

Romans 6:14. We're not under the law but grace.

Ephesians 3:2. We're living in a dispensation of God's grace.

Hebrews 10:16-17. (Cf. Heb. 8:7-13) A covenant of grace.

DEFINITION OF GOD'S GRACE:**NOTE THE MANY QUALITIES CAREFULLY.**

(1) "Unmerited favor; Accepted by God because of a pleasing quality; Divine favor; (2) God's strength given for victory over sin; (3) A period of time granted by God beyond the date set for the performance of an act, or the payment of an obligation; (4) Favor granted for a delay or temporary exemption; (5) Compassion, mercy, or long-suffering (of God)."

HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE.

All Men Are Lost Outside of Christ.

Eph. 2:8-9. We're saved by Grace through our Faith.

Titus 3:4-5. We're saved only because of God's mercy.

Romans 5:1-2. We can stand justified only in God's grace.

The experience of conversion or justification (being saved) is premised upon obedience to God's Word: As Jesus preached, "**Repent ye, and believe the gospel.**" Mark 1:14-15.

Rom 3:23-24. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Eph. 1:7. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." Unmerited favor!

THE FREE GIFT.

Rom 5:15-18. Eternal life is the gift of God to the penitent sinner by grace through faith. Grace is not the free gift, but Eternal Life through Jesus is the free gift.

Rom. 3:24. "Being justified freely by his grace."

Rev. 22:17. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

ACCESS TO GOD BY HIS GRACE — ACCEPTED!

Heb. 10:29. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Grace — that is, He administers God's grace to the believer.

Eph. 2:18. We have access by the Spirit unto the Father through Jesus Christ.

Eph. 1:6. We are acceptable to God only by being in Christ, to the praise of the glory of His grace.

HELP & STRENGTH AT GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE.

Heb. 4:16. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace [in prayer], that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Grace is compassion and divine strength.

II Cor. 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." This is thru God's grace.

GOD'S GRACE TEACHES.

Titus 2:11-12 "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

[ACCEPTABLY?]

Hebrews 12:28-29 "Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire." Most professing Christians do not have enough of God's grace to serve God in a manner of life-style which he accepts — in Reverence, Godly Fear, and Righteousness (Acts 10:35).

GOD'S GRACE DENIED.

James 4:6 "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." God rejects the proud!

I Peter 5:5 "Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

Acts 10:34-35. "God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." There are many Rejects!

REPENT OR PERISH - **Luke 13:5.** Believing on Christ is not just believing in His person, but believing that what He said is the Truth, and acting upon it, obediently.

Acts 17:30. Repent or be rejected by the Lord!

Acts 3:19. Repent to receive God's grace!

II Peter 3:9. Repent or perish in hell!

RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE IN VAIN!

II Cor. 6:1-2. “We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also **that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.**” Many believe but don't go on with the Lord.

I Cor. 15:1-2. “I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, **if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.**”

Gal. 5:4. “Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; **ye are fallen from grace.**” If these fell, so can you!

Heb. 3:12. “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, **in departing from the living God.**” Christ doesn't leave us — but we can leave him!

Heb. 12:15. “Looking diligently lest any man **fail of the grace of God.**” Sin separates any person from Christ and His grace unless he genuinely Repents!

Use also Romans 11:20-23; Gal. 4:19-20; Exod. 32:32-33.

WHERE SIN ABOUNDS SO DOES GRACE!

Rom. 5:18-20. “Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.” Grace does not abound with sin in a person's life — but grace is abundantly available to a sinner or erring Christian who does not sin presumptuously, To wit: “For if we sin wilfully [i.e., presumptuously] after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.” Heb. 10:26.

I Tim. 1:14. The Apostle Paul was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, but he obtained mercy — “And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.” Sin (disgrace) and righteousness (grace) do not abound together in an individual's life!

NOTE THIS CAREFULLY:

All grace is not unmerited favor, mercy, or strength from God. The grace of God that abounds where sin abounds is: “A grace period of time beyond the date set for performance of an act; favor by granting a delay or temporary exemption — A Period of grace!” This is really the longsuffering of God! God's grace is available, but it does not have to be accepted!

GOD'S GRACE PURIFIES THE BELIEVER.

All sin must be forsaken to receive Christ and to remain in God's grace — His unmerited favor; accepted by God; and pleasing to Him.

Acts 15:9. God purifies our hearts by faith.

I John 3:6. “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: Whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.”

I Peter 1:22. “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit.”

AN ACCEPTABLE TIME TO RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE.

II Cor. 6:2. “For he saith, **I have heard thee in a time accepted**, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: **behold, now is the accepted time**; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

Heb. 3:15. “While it is said, **To day if ye will hear his voice**, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.”

Gen. 6:3. “And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man.” Cf. Eph. 4:30.

GRACE THRU HOLY GHOST CONVICTION.

God's grace for salvation is only available while the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of grace, convicts a person of his sins. Cf. John 16:7-10.

Rom. 5:6-9. “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. . . much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath [God's] through him.”

John 6:37. Christ declared, “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”

Rev. 22:17. “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” Sinners must be motivated to accept God's grace and eternal life thru Jesus Christ.

Acts 13:43. “Many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, **persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.**”

They persuaded (motivated) weak Christians to continue in God's grace, that is, not to go back into the world, but to go on with Christ.

VII. PREACHING & TEACHING FROM MEMORY.

DECLARATION.

Most minds, even of Christians, are only average and they need memory crutches. However, there are exceptions by virtue of exceptional ability and preparation. The ability to memorize many verses and passages of scripture fluently often qualifies a Christian layman or preacher to speak from memory effectively for a longer time than those who do not quote scriptures accurately. **Memorization requires diligent effort.** Your mind can be exercised to be vibrant and to pulsate constantly by the power of God's Word through your constant study and review of the scriptures which are spirit and life. Cf. John 6:63.

[CONSTANT REVIEW]

How many times is review necessary for memorizing accurately a passage of scripture or a difficult verse? Answer: Go over it 25 times and check your memory of it 2 weeks later. If you fail to quote it properly, go over it again 25 more times during the next few days and check your memory bank again. If it is not programmed accurately, go over it 100 times! Don't envy another person who quotes from memory fluently. Pay the price in time and effort, and equal power may be yours.

NOTES:

EXAMPLE. OUTLINE NO. 2 (SHORT ONE).**SUBJECT: OTHER SIDE OF GOD.****TEXT.**

“Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.” Rom. 11:22.

INTRODUCTION.

God is good, and God loves, but God will cast into hell all those who refuse to Repent and to Receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

EXAMPLES.

(1) “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” Psalm 9:17.

(2) “God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

“And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.” II Peter 2:4-6.

(3) **At Christ’s Judgment Seat:** “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.” Matt. 25:41.

FURTHER PROOFS. QUOTE OR PARAPHRASE:

Proverbs 1:24-30

Isaiah 66:15-16

Malachi 4:1-3

Matthew 13:36-43

Matthew 10:28

II Thessalonians 1:6-10

Revelation 1:10-18

Revelation 20:11-15

INVITATION FOR SALVATION (QUOTE IF POSSIBLE).

Isaiah 55:6-7

Proverbs 29:1

Proverbs 28:13

Luke 13:5

Acts 17:30-31

Isaiah 1:18-20

II Peter 3:9

Revelation 22:17

EXAMPLES TO RELATE (USE ONE).

1. Story of Noah’s Flood. Genesis 6 & 7.
2. Story of Sodom & Gomorrhah’s Destruction. Genesis 19.
3. Rich Man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19-31.
4. Ananias & Sapphira. Acts 5:1-11.
5. Christ’s Judgment Seat. Matthew 25:31-46.

VIII. THE EXPOSITOR.

DECLARATION.

The expository method of teaching or preaching should be used very cautiously. Why? Because, as God has warned every teacher of His Word, “No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation” (II Peter 1:20); that is, no one verse stands alone or is self-explanatory. The Word of God must be “rightly divided” (II Tim. 2:15). **Therefore, being an expositor — that is, a verse by verse, chapter by chapter method of teaching is a dangerous art.** The teaching or preaching expositor must be knowledgeable enough of the Bible to bring other scriptures into use profusely throughout the whole exposition of God’s Word.

SUMMARIZATION.

(1) For the sake of clarification, **the definition of expositor is: “A person who expounds or explains.”** Expound means: (a) “To set forth point by point; state in detail. (b) To explain or interpret. (c) In theology, to explain and interpret the Bible verse by verse.”

(2) **An Expositor in all practicality is a talking commentary!** Still, this is not the best and safest way to teach the Bible. Remember this warning: “My brethren, be not many masters [i.e., teachers who think they know everything], knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.” James 3:1.

RULES TO FOLLOW.

(1) Use other scriptures to interpret the passages used in expository teaching and preaching.

(2) Read the scripture passages distinctly and correctly. Study pronunciation of difficult words in advance.

(3) Don’t stop reading a scripture in the middle of it or before a complete sentence is fully read. The complete scripture reference will most often clarify itself if read completely — **before** expounding or commenting on the meaning.

IX. CONSTANT & CONSCIOUS PREPARATION.

CONCLUSION.

Homiletics is a preparatory course for genuine Christians. And, living at one's best is constant preparation for instant use. A Christian worker who fears that his work will not be recognized or appreciated will never live his best. Love for God and souls of men will ever make an overflowing heart — and, an overflowing heart gives the lips full speech!

[USE YOUR TALENT]

One of God's greatest gifts to a true Christian teacher or preacher is a good mind. This glorious phenomenon of a good mind — God's miracle of creation — will ever pulsate and vibrate when filled with His Living Word. Every cell can be filled with knowledge of God and His Word that can bless mankind. The other creatures of the primate kingdom have brains — man only was created with a mind — so now, use it fully to glorify God and bless hungry souls! Man was created in the image of God! Remind him! Gen. 1:26-27.

[RULE NO. 7]

Rule Number 7 to use in turning men to Christ and God's Holiness is: Appeal to their nobler instincts — stir up the nobility and lofty emotions within them, pointing them to higher ideals and a more excellent way of living.

[FORGET THESE ORDERS & FAIL]

A quotation from I Timothy 4:11-16.

(1) **“These things command and teach.**

(2) **“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example** of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

(3) **“Till I come, give attendance to reading,** to exhortation, to doctrine.

(4) **“Neglect not the gift that is in thee,** which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

(5) **“Meditate upon these things;** give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

(6) **“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”** Memorize this passage — and commit it to memory for conscious use!

(7) Much prayer is necessary for preparation to teach and preach, for without much prayer, there will be no Holy Ghost anointing.

[3 AREAS OF HUMAN MOTIVATION]

It is vital that each person be motivated to Repent and to receive Jesus as Lord and Master, to receive Eternal Life and to live his life for Jesus. To really be Born-again, to really become a new creation and receive a new nature, every person must be motivated by the Gospel to exercise his intellect, his emotion, and his will in believing.

(1) OUR INTELLECT

This is where an individual reasons and understands - here is the source of perceiving relationships, differences of choices, and the power of choosing without involving feelings - guided by reasoning and intelligent perception. Saving Faith is an exercising of the intellect. To wit: "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." I Cor. 1:21. Cf. Rom. 10:13-17.

(2) OUR EMOTIONS

"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation." II Cor. 7:10. Also: "I will be sorry for my sin." Psa. 38:18. Jesus declared: The Holy Ghost will convict men of their sins (John 16:7-8); and, "No man can say Jesus is Lord but by the Holy Ghost," (I Cor. 12:3). Men must be convicted of their sins until they are fearful and sorrowful because of their guilt before God before they will Repent! When the Apostle Paul preached in a Roman courtroom, or righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Judge Felix trembled! (Acts 24:25). So must all men be motivated by their emotions to be saved!

(3) OUR WILL

Every person's will must be broken to receive Christ and to walk with God. Submission! Unconditional Surrender! This is the difficulty in leading men to Eternal Life - they won't submit to God's will - they want their own will to prevail! Men may be stirred Intellectually and Emotionally to walk with God, but they are not accepted until they say in their heart and mouth, "I will accept Christ as my Lord and Master."

God respects every person's will - his will to Repent, or his will to reject Christ and God's will. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17. Also: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit [will]." Psa. 51:17.

Lesson No. 12

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ATTITUDE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FACTS

Among the extremely important requirements of a successful salesperson is his or her attitude toward the job, product or service, and employer.

Thinking positively and enthusiastically about these things can only lead to success in business and in serving the Lord.

There must be no doubt in his or her mind that he or she represents the greatest company of its kind and offers the finest products or services anywhere. This is true also in representing Christ and the life-style of a real Christian.

If an individual feels otherwise, then that individual will be of small value to the firm and/or himself or herself. A good attitude will overcome and alter any fact not compatible to attaining true success.

To be happy in your job is to be capable of achieving just about any goal or objective you set for yourself.

Understanding the need for a wholesome, happy and healthy attitude on a day-to-day basis will help you acquire it.

Don't let adverse conditions control you. Work constantly at eliminating them from your consciousness. Control conditions by your right attitude.

Each day represents new opportunities. Reach for them! Grasp them firmly! You, and you alone, make the difference between success and mediocrity or failure by the attitude you have. God will help you to achieve this and more!

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