

## ✠ D. THE PERSON GOD USES ✠

“**Preaching is Truth through Personality**”. We cannot overemphasise how important it is for any would-be preacher of God's word to not simply focus on the technicalities of preparing and delivering a sermon. Of greater influence than each week's individual messages are the preacher's (pastor) life. Through their example and their relationships with their congregation members they exert a far greater influence than they could ever hope to have through each week's individual messages. “**The Messenger is the Message**”. We will look at this in depth next week. For now, let us continue to explore the role of the pastor/preacher as a minister of the Word of God.

### I. THE PREACHER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1. PREACH

- ❑ Mat 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to **preach**, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Preach: to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel): proclaim, publish.
- ❑ Act\_20:20 You know that I have not hesitated to **preach** anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.
- ❑ 2Ti\_4:2 **Preach the Word**; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

#### 2. EVANGELISE

- ❑ 2Ti 4:5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, **do the work of an evangelist**, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

#### 3. TEACH

- ❑ Exo 18:20 **Teach** them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform.
- ❑ Act\_5:21 At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to **teach** the people.
- ❑ Tit\_2:1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.

#### 4. PRESERVE KNOWLEDGE

- ❑ Mal 2:5 "My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name. Mal 2:6 **True instruction was in his mouth** and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and **turned many from sin**. Mal 2:7 "For **the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge**, and **from his mouth men should seek instruction**—because **he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty**."

#### 5. DISCIPLE / MAKE DISCIPLES

- ❑ Mat 28:19 Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Mat 28:20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

#### 6. SHEPHERD

- ❑ Act 20:27 For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. Act 20:28 **Keep watch over** yourselves and all **the flock** of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. **Be shepherds** of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. Act 20:29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare **the flock**. Act 20:30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

## 7. BE A SPIRITUAL PARENT

- ❑ Joh 13:33 "**My children**, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.
- ❑ Gal 4:19 **My dear children**, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,
- ❑ 1Jn 2:1 **My dear children**, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

## 8. COUNSEL

- ❑ Act 20:27 For I did not keep back from declaring to you all **the counsel of God**. NKJV
- ❑ Psa 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will **counsel** you, My eye shall be on you. [God speaking].
- ❑ 1Ti 5:14 So I **counsel** younger widows to marry, to have children, to manage their homes and to give the enemy no opportunity for slander.

## 9. REBUKE

- ❑ 2Ti 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2Ti 4:2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, **rebuke** and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 2Ti 4:4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 2Ti 4:5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. \*\* censure or admonish; by implication forbid, rebuke.
- ❑ Tit 2:15 These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and **rebuke** with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you. \*\* admonish: convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove.

## 10. PROPHECY

- ❑ Act\_2:17 "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will **prophecy**, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Act\_2:18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will **prophecy**.
- ❑ 1Co\_14:39 Therefore, my brothers, **be eager to prophecy**, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.
- ❑ Ti\_4:14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through **a prophetic message** when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

**☒ APPENDIX 2: THE ORDER IN WHICH WE SPEAK VS. THE ORDER IN WHICH WE PREPARE**

Preaching Video Clips : write down 2-3 points or statements that stand out for you:

- 1. The Hammer - A Children's Message. Time - 3:36

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- 2. Bishop TD Jakes Sermon- God is preparing you. Time – 7:00

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- 3. Dr E.V. Hill - How to Make the Enemy Run. Time – 4:38

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- 4. Pastor Jesse Du Plantis - There Are Some Things You Shouldn't Eat. Time – 3:35

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□ 5. Pastor John Piper: “How do you prepare your sermons”. Time – 4:35

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**For next week:**

Take notes of the sermon in your church on Sunday:

- (1) Write out the outline of the sermon, including the passage, the title (and/or the theme), and the main points.
- (2) Critique the sermon (comment on the theme, exegesis, explanation, illustrations and applications used during the sermon), and give your evaluation of what was good and what could be improved upon.
- (3) Comment on the delivery (how it was preached)

Your homework must be handed in on three separate A4 pages, each with your name on it. You may want first ask your pastor if it will be ok with him, and let him know which 3 areas you will be looking at. I.e. show him the assignment.