

A faithful minister of Christ

Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom: that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.(COL1:28) The Bible reveals the end goal, the final objective for all Biblical teaching: ie. perfect in Christ Jesus. Teaching is the act of instructing & training others. It includes imparting knowledge and demonstrating how to apply that knowledge to personal life and ministry. If we apply God's methods we can conquer spiritual enemies which include the world, the flesh and Satan with all his powers. All those who serve the Lord are to be able to teach others.(IIT12:24) The teacher is the one who knows the truth to be taught. There are two main objectives of Biblical preaching and teaching: Evangelism and discipleship. We need teachers because they help explain God's Word to unbelievers [evangelism] and believers [discipleship]. Without teachers, people are like sheep without a shepherd.They do not understand which way to go(MAR6:34; HOS4:6) *And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers.*(ICO 12:28)

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.(MAT9:35)Jesus was a model of proper attitudes that should be evident in the lives of teachers of God's Word. Jesus had great compassion for people and their needs. He showed them love and compassion. This compassion led Him to intercession for those He taught. This resulted in concern for the Father's business. Jesus had an attitude of no condemnation towards those He taught.(MAR2:17) He accepted people where they were and then led them to the level of faith where they should be. While was uncompromising with sin. Jesus trusted in God. He demonstrated boldness and authority in His teaching(MAR6:2) Jesus used miracles & healing to prepare the hearts of people to receive messages. Most important He had a servant's attitude toward those to whom He ministered. Jesus taught daily in the temple.(LUK19:47)He taught anywhere and everywhere.(MAR2:13; MAT4:23) Jesus taught men and women in all levels of society, rich and poor(MAR10:17-22;LUK4:18;5:17) His teaching mission was to the whole world, people from every culture, tribe, and tongue. The parables of Jesus focused on the Kingdom.(MAR4:33) Jesus taught people how to enter the Kingdom through the born-again experience.(JOH3)[evangelism] Jesus also taught people how to live as part of God's Kingdom as citizens by developing a Kingdom lives [discipleship] (MAT5-7) Wherever He was, He taught. Jesus used the circumstances of life to teach lessons. When Jesus was thirsty, He gave a message on living water where Jesus taught the Samaritan woman.(JOH4;LK13:1-; MR12:41-) When Jesus wanted to teach a lesson regarding humble service He washed the disciples feet.(JOH13:1-17)

"and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"(ROM10:14-15a)

Preaching is the act of delivering a discourse[a sermon or systematic examination of a subject] which instructs others in a formal manner.The main mission of Jesus was to preach.*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor...to preach deliverance to the captives.*(LUK4:18-19:24) Like teaching, preaching should always be based on God's Word, if you called to preach you must live what you preach, motives must be right.(ROM2:21;ICO9:27;16) *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*(IIT14:2) With the direction of the Lord, you must determine the type & content of your message.You should: Prepare yourself spiritually. Analyze the audience. Set objectives. Outline the message using the basic structure which includes an introduction, the body of the message, application, and the conclusion. Topical preaching focuses on specific topics such as spiritual fruit, spiritual warfare, spiritual gifts,. Select a particular theme on one of these topics and develop it in the sermon.

An example of a Topical Sermon: Title:"Hindrances to Prayer" Introduction:Focus on a problem most people have: Unanswered prayer and the question as to why prayers are unanswered. This will gain attention as most everyone has experienced this problem. Body: Discuss the hindrances to prayer identified in God's Word: Wrong motives and requests.(JAM4:2-3) Sin of any kind.(ISA59:1-2) Idols in the heart.(EZE14:1-3) An unforgiving spirit:(MAR11:25), Selfishness:(PRO21:13), Wrong treatment of marriage partner:(IPE3:7) Self-righteousness: (LUK18:10-14) Unbelief:(JAM1:6-7) Not abiding in Christ and His Word:(JOH15:7) Application: I.Explain how unanswered prayer hinders: A. Family life, B. Our personal spiritual development. C. Our ministry. II. Ask the audience to apply these truths individually: A. Which hindrances are blocking my prayers? Conclusion: I. Summarize the hindrances of prayer discussed. II. Call for confession and repentance of those things which have hindered prayer. In textual preaching, a key Biblical passage forms the central truth or text of the lesson. The rest of the message is built on this one central truth.(Peter's sermon-ACT2:14-36) Expository preaching focus on a specific subject or passage of Scripture, a book of the Bible, or a Bible character. It explains in detail all that is taught, verse by verse, and even word by word.(Characteristics of false teachers, Jude1:3-4)

Jesus delegated spiritual power to His followers.(MAR6:7)The demonstration of God's power is to accompany preaching as well as teaching: *As ye also learned of Epaphras,.. who is for you a faithful minister of Christ* (COL1:7-8;4:12-13,17) Christ must be exalted in all preaching. Epaphras was a true missionary. He exercised a pastoral and a teaching ministry. See that you complete the work[the duties of] you have received in the Lord!