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Advanced Ministry Class

Lesson 5

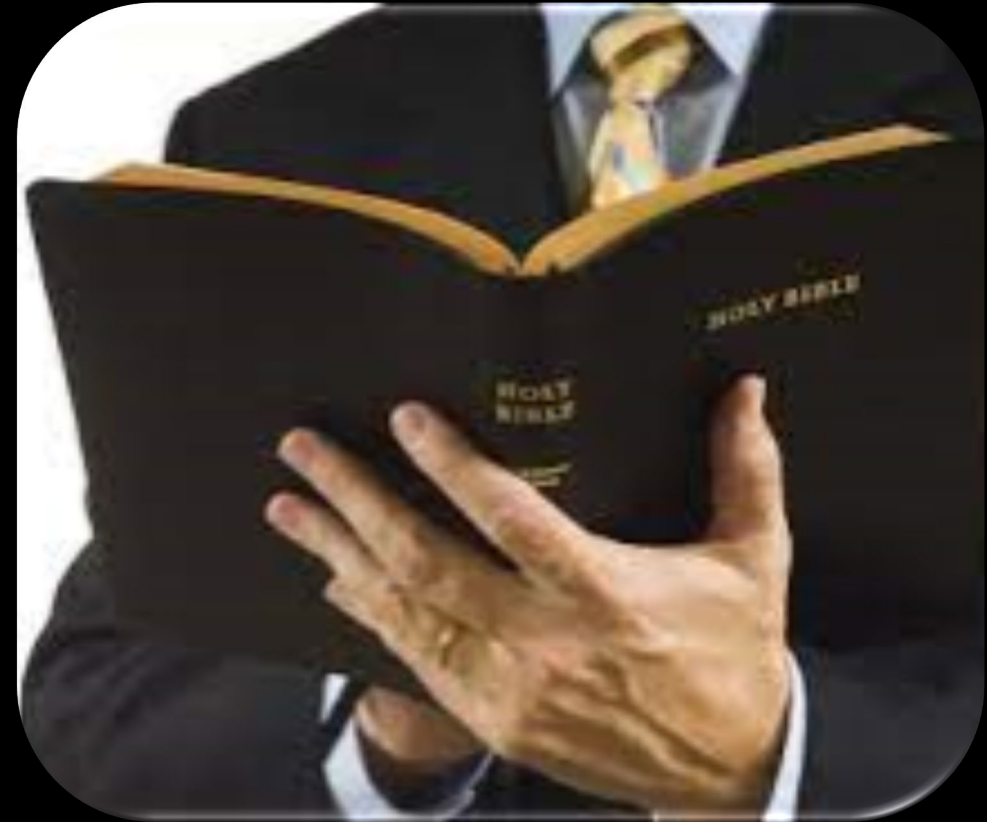
Practical Studies About the Ministry

2 Timothy 2:2

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,
the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach
others also.*

The Preacher and His Bible

- ✓ Read It
- ✓ Heed It
- ✓ Memorize It
- ✓ Study It
- ✓ Practice It
- ✓ Pray It
- ✓ Preach It



Good preaching preparation begins with letting Scripture examine, speak, and preach to us.

Preach the Word!

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

A pastor ought to seek to meet the needs of his people as he prepares and delivers messages from the pulpit.

Preach the Word!

Preach To Strengthen Biblical Doctrine

Preach To Meet The Perceived Needs Of The Church

Preach To Strengthen The People

Preach Against Sin

Preach Principles, Not Personalities

Preach To Strengthen Biblical Doctrine

Paul charged Timothy to preach the word . . . with all
DOCTRINE.

The word doctrine as previously noted literally means “teaching.”

The greater sense is the systematic body of truth which covers all
Bible teaching.

If the people in the pew do not learn the great doctrines of
inspiration, the blood atonement, the deity of Christ, the virgin
birth, the Trinity, and much more from their pastor, where are they
going to learn it?

Preach To Meet The Perceived Needs Of The Church

There is a never-ending need to develop God's people in their spiritual growth.

If a pastor is perceptive to what is going on in his church, he will frequently be aware of spiritual weaknesses in his people.

These become areas from which to plan your preaching. Do not enter the pulpit with "*an axe to grind*" or attack problem people.

However, if one of his people have a particular weakness, the chances are more have the same need.

Preach To Strengthen The People

There is a great deal in the Bible about strength.

The Book of Psalms redounds with passages dealing with how God gives strength and, in fact, is the source of strength Himself.

Psalm 27:1, “*the LORD is the strength of my life.*”

Psalm 28:7, “*The LORD is my strength.*”

Psalm 18:39, “*thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle.*”

The people in the pew often are running on near-empty in their spiritual and emotional strength. Reminding them in preaching that

“*they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength*”

Preach Against Sin

Ought a pastor preach against such sin?
Absolutely!

It is a part of perceiving and meeting the needs of
the people.

Such preaching, as a rule, is not as well appreciated,
but it is necessary, nevertheless.

*“Every Preacher Should Preach Regularly on...
SIN / SALVATION / SECOND COMING”*

Preach Principles, Not Personalities

A wise pastor will learn to be careful in dealing with problems.

He will learn to deal with the principle of the problems and avoid the personalities.

Address the Needs of the People

Should a pastor plan his preaching?

Weekly?

Monthly?

Yearly?

What is the criteria for planning it?

Book-by-Book?

Topical?

Textual?

Expository?

“Let the Lord Lead You”???

Whichever it is, God's Word has the answer.

The job of the pastor is to:

- **Sense the Pulse of his Congregation,**
- **Perceive their Spiritual Temperature**
- **Properly Deliver What's Required Each Lord's Day.**

We are charged to preach the Word.

What a great privilege!

End of Lesson 5