

PASTORS' SEMINAR



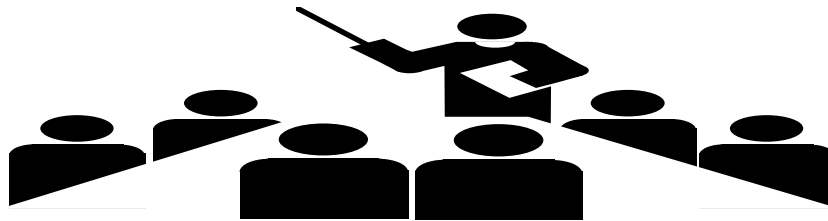
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Topic:

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Topic: Biblical Insights into the Preaching Ministry

I. Peter's Insights [1 Peter 4:10, 11]

- A. We must see the abilities we have as gifts from God. [10]
1. We must have no room in our hearts for pride, jealousy, or envy.
 - a. We did not earn these gifts because of our own goodness, character, or holiness.
 - b. We received these gifts because of the manifold grace of God.
 - c. We received these gifts at our second birth.
 - d. We received these gifts from the Holy Spirit, Who distributed them as He willed.
 2. We must become good stewards of the gifts that God has given to us.
 - a. We must discover those gifts.
 - 1) By studying them and knowing what the gifts are
 - 2) By obeying our Christian roles
 - 3) By recognizing what we seem to excel at and what we are drawn to
 - 4) By taking a gifts inventory
 - b. We must develop those gifts.
 - 1) By being mentored by those who are skilled in the exercise of those gifts
 - 2) By attending classes or workshops in that area of ministry
 - 3) By doing personal study in that area of ministry
 - 4) By taking advantage of opportunities to use the gift
 - c. We must use those gifts.
 - 1) We must use them in our areas of ministry.
 - 2) We must use them to help, serve, and minister to others.
 - 3) We must use them to build up the body of Christ.
- B. We must see the ministries we have as a calling from God. [11]
1. We who are called to preach must speak God's word as though God was speaking through us.
 - a. We must speak God's word boldly.
 - b. We must speak God's word accurately.
 - c. We must speak God's word clearly.
 2. We who are called to minister must do so with the ability that God supplies.
 - a. We are to make sure that God receives the glory in all things. **[It belongs to Him!]**
 - b. We can experience the joy of being used by God. [It belongs to us.]

II. Paul's Insights [1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5]

- A. The Message that God Uses [1:18-25]
1. The message of the cross is a stumbling block to those who seek a sign, the Jews.
 2. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who seek wisdom, the Greeks.
 3. The message of the cross is power and wisdom of God to those who are being saved, the believers.
- B. The Messenger that God Uses [1:26-31]
1. God often uses people who the world considers foolish in order to put to shame the wise.
 2. God often uses people who the world considers weak in order to put to shame the mighty.
 3. God often uses people who the world considers nothing in order to put to shame the privileged.
- C. The Method that God Uses [2:1-5]
1. God's method is not human eloquence.
 2. God's method is not human wisdom or philosophy.
 3. God's method is the message of the cross, preached in the power of the Holy Spirit.