

How to Listen to a Message . . . and be Blessed!

Practical Points from I Timothy 4:6 with II Timothy 4:1-4

11 Points of Purpose (with a Capital "P")

This exercise will demand a lifestyle change for the Members at CBC

Every message has four sides to it: the preacher, the message, the hearer, the Spirit

This will happen before Sunday . . . (7 things)

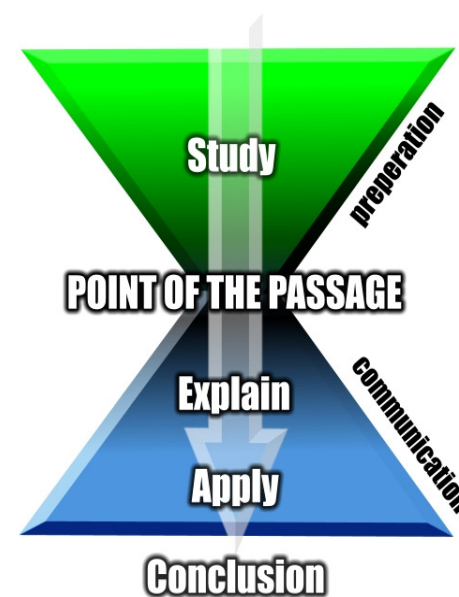
1. **P** _____ a proper motive for hearing the Word
 - I Samuel 3:21-4: *The Lord is revealed through His Word*
2. **P** _____ a noble heart throughout the week prior to Sunday
 - Luke 8:15 – only seed on the good ground bears spiritual fruit
 - Blessings on Sunday will find lodging in hearts of faithfulness
3. **P** _____ my family and/or surroundings for Sunday worship
 - Exodus 19:10-15 – God’s 3-day requirement before they met
4. **P** _____ to discipline your evening on Saturday night (not like any other night)
 - Colossians 3:1-4 with 3:12-4:2
5. **P** _____ my mind and soul on Saturday in anticipation of seeing God
 - James 1:21-25 – we must lay aside all filthiness to receive the W.
6. **P** _____ that the Word would run swiftly on Sunday
 - II Thessalonians 3:1, 4-5
7. **P** _____ a passage on Saturday night
 - Psalm 119:17-24
 - If you know what I am going to preach on. . .start here (see Web)
 - You may want to adapt John Piper’s five steps before he preaches which he calls his “APTAT formula”
 - (1) I Admit - I am helpless (John 15:5)
 - (2) I Pray - The glory of God and the gladness of God’s people
 - (3) I Trust - Use a passage to resist Satan and strengthen my heart
 - (4) I Act - I am confident God will fulfill His Word
 - (5) I Thank - At the end of the message I thank the Lord for kindness to reveal His truth in the power of the Spirit

Review from this Morning: My preparation before Sunday

This will happen on Sunday . . . (4 things)

8. **P** _____ my time so that I am early and in anticipation of God . . . thinking of King David’s heart and response before God
 - Psalm 63:1-5; II Samuel 7:18-22
9. **P** _____ the point of the message and supply at least two support pillars
 - Your goal is not to write everything down that I say – this is dictation and no one learns from dictation – You must engage your mind – this will do it: The point and 2 pillars of support!
 - My preaching model to help you to be an effective listener

S.P.E.A.C. Model



10. **P** _____ a person to encourage in the church service
 - I Corinthians 12:12-27; 14:23-26
11. **P** _____ sermon-literacy at lunch on Sunday
 - Deuteronomy 6:4-9