

SATURDAY—MANUSCRIPT

Homiletics: How Do I Present It?



Objective:

Fill in the outline with introduction, conclusion, complete paragraphs and illustrations.

Goal:

To have finalized the outline or complete manuscript that you plan to use when you preach.

Task 1. Write the introduction.

Write a sermon introduction that not only gets the listener's initial attention, but converts that initial attention into sustained interest, because you have been able to demonstrate to the listener the real importance of the topic to him or her.

Task 2. Write the conclusion.

Write the conclusion so that, in the final stretch, the sermon transmits the main idea of the passage with great clarity and achieves the purposes established for the sermon.

To do: Consider how to include the following: review the main points; recall the applied interpretations; emphasize the main idea; achieve the moment of climax and conclusion of your homiletical plot.

Task 3. Fill in all the sections of the outline with the full text.

Fill in every section of the outline with the entire text that you will need to communicate each point and subpoint of the sermon in a clear and confident manner.

To do: Write!

Task 4. Complete the transitions and illustrations.

To do: (1) Examine each of your main points and refine the transitions between them and (2) Review the illustrations you plan to use and determine if they need to be enhanced or finalized in some way.

Task 5. Revise and refine the manuscript at all levels.

To do: Revise your outline or manuscript from three perspectives: (1) revision of the plot or argument (outline level), (2) revision of the development (paragraph level), and revision of the style (sentence level).