

FRIDAY—OUTLINE

Homiletics: How Do I Present It?



Objective:

Determine the purpose of the sermon and develop the main points of an outline that conveys the original thought.

Goal:

To have the purpose of the sermon written, along with a draft of the homiletical outline.

Task 1. Determine the purpose the sermon should achieve.

In light of your interpretation and application of the passage, determine the purpose that the sermon should achieve in the lives of your listeners.

To do: Ask (1) Why was this passage included in the biblical text?, and (2) What is this passage meant to accomplish in the reader?

Task 2. Convert the exegetical outline into a homiletical outline.

Convert the exegetical outline into a first draft homiletical outline, which retains the essence of the original message.

To do: (1) Revisit the exegetical idea and the exegetical outline. (2) Analyze them in terms of the homiletical idea and the applied interpretations. (3) Draft a homiletical outline that conveys the same message as the original, but to a contemporary audience, and achieves the stated purpose.

Task 3. Modify the homiletical outline according to the values of a homiletical plot (if applicable).

To do: (1) Create disequilibrium. (2) Delve into the discrepancy. (3) Uncover the key to resolution. (4) Experience the Gospel. (5) Anticipate the consequences.

Task 4. Add further detail to the outline to pick up your previous, more detailed study.

Add a second or third level of detail to the outline that begins to pick up the more detailed study you have done previously, with supporting material that explains, demonstrates, applies or expands on each point.

Task 5. Write down illustrations for each interpreted point.

Jot down any illustrations that could reinforce the message of each main point of the outline.

To do: For each main point, (1) Identify the illustration (anecdote, joke, example, quote), and (2) Add to your outline (a) an introductory sentence, (b) a sentence with the essence of the illustration, and (c) a concluding sentence summarizing how the illustration contributes to the development of the sermon.