



- ✦ Important Considerations from Great Preachers
 - + Mark Dever and Greg Gilbert, *Preach: Theology Meets Practice*.
 - + Theology must be the focus of all sermons.
 - ✦ Not technique, innovation, etc.
 - + Remember 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
 - ✦ Paul divides the four things the Word of God does into two categories: doctrinal instruction and ethical instruction.
 - ✦ Teaching and reproof deal with doctrinal instruction. One is positive and one is negative.
 - ✦ Correction and training in righteousness deal with ethical instruction. Again, one is negative and the other is positive.



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✘ Important Considerations from Great Preachers

- + Timothy Keller, *Preaching*
- + Tim Keller in lectures and writings exhorts preachers to address cultural defeater beliefs.
- + There are six in our culture.
 1. There can't be only one way! All religions are equally valid.
 2. Your religion is anti-choice!
 3. Your religion is socially regressive!
 4. I can't worship an angry and wrathful God!
 5. The Bible is not God's Word. It has moral and logical deficiencies!
 6. Christianity has a horrible record.



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✘ Helpful Training Wheels

- + This is a proposed checklist for your sermon writing. Once this is second nature, toss the checklist.
- + Introduction
 - ✘ Unifier
 - ✘ Something to pique interest.
- + Body
 - ✘ For each sub-point of the text, do the following:
 - * Explain the text; Illustrate the text; Apply the text.
 - * Teach, Reprove, Correct, Train
- + Conclusion
 - ✘ Exhort people of God to live in accordance with the text.
 - ✘ Exhort non-believers to repent and believe by addressing a cultural defeater belief that the text in someway addresses.
- + Other things that **MUST** be in the sermon (but could be in a different parts from one sermon to the next).
 - ✘ A clear gospel presentation. Direct questions to the audience to make them ponder God's Word.



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✘ Conclusion

- + Putting together a sermon requires a lot of thought and intentionality. This is the difference between a disjointed waste of everyone's time, or a prophetic word that will change lives.
- + There are two things I want you to take away.
 - ✘ Speak with a prophetic edge. It is the Word of God. You are His mouthpiece to this generation. But also use wisdom and sensitivity.
 - ✘ If people are ever unsure of where you are in your text, you failed. Organization is more important than people realize.



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Part 5

HOMILETICS—DELIVERY



✘ A few considerations

+ Style

- ✘ Was articulate; phrasing was fresh, vivid, apt
- ✘ Used proper grammar; short sentences; simple words; active voice
- ✘ Was appropriate for this audience, speaker, and text

+ Delivery

- ✘ Forceful, natural, spontaneous, varied
- ✘ Projected intensity, energy, conviction, sincerity, and earnestness
- ✘ Were there any particular speaking elements or mannerisms that you feel the preacher should know about? (e.g., distractions, inadequate volume, lack of clarity of speech, etc.)



✘ These are specific things to look for in delivery:

- + Voice (clarity, projection, easily understood)
- + Rate of speaking
- + Pronunciation, grammar
- + Ease of communication
- + Posture
- + Gestures



- × What do you go up there with?
 - + Manuscript
 - + Notes
 - + Outline
 - + Scooping
 - + Nothing
- × It depends
 - + The speaker
 - + The audience
 - + The purpose
 - + Some people are wrongly dogmatic on this.

C. Dynamic delivery diagram worksheet

Make a copy of this page, grab someone who's willing to listen to you, and ask them to plot the line they hear as you deliver a sermon. (It's kind of tricky to draw a 3D plot on a piece of paper, so they'll need to use their imagination... but they'll soon get the idea.) Alandon your natural embarrassment and challenge your listener to travel to the outer reaches of the margins!

