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Lesson 2: Homiletics

Three words should be clearly understood and kept distinct in our thoughts: **gift, (1 Cor. 12:1-31 on gifts) knowledge and ability.** Gift, or talent, comes from God. Knowledge stems from prayerful, concentrated and conscientious study of the Word of God. Ability is developed as the gift is exercised in an atmosphere of spirituality.

Ephesians 4:11-12 KJV [11] And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; [12] For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ...

2 Timothy 1:6 KJV [6] Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

1 Peter 4:10-11 KJV

[10] As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. [11] If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The principal subject of this study is **homiletics**. By this is meant the science and art governing the preparation and delivery of sermons.

Preaching is God's chosen way to deliver the Gospel.

Romans 10:14 KJV

[14] How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

1 Corinthians 1:18-21 KJV

[18] For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. [19] For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. [20] Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? [21] For

after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Homiletics is the study of preparing the sermon to be preached. Preparation of the material.

The subject of homiletics involves many things: a consideration of the essential qualifications of a preacher; the urgent necessity for preaching; the importance of the proper preparation of the preaching material, including its discovery and arrangement; and the best means of securing the effective presentation and reception of the message.

The paramount needs of preaching are: for a more thoughtful preparation of the sermon; a better logical arrangement of the material; an improved, clear, and forceful presentation of the truth; and above all, a greater cultivation of those spiritual qualities that are fundamental to all preaching.

John 13:13-15 KJV. (For a spiritual application)

[13] Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. [14] If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

1. Study, 2. Prayer, 3. Preparation, 4. Delivery.