

How To Give a Sermonette

- Purposes: --To give you practice.
--Settle congregation at beginning of service.
--Cover minor point, example, assigned point.
--Reinforce pastor, sermon.
--(but it does not have to be of minor importance).
- Are not --To show off speaking ability.
--To move, shake, save the church in 12 minutes.
--To cover major subject.
--To go overtime/cut into sermon time.

10 to 15 minutes on a small topic, or one facet of larger topic, or difficult scripture, or example -- healing, blessing, encouraging. Or ask pastor for subject suggestions.

KEY -- limit subject to what can be covered in 10-15 minutes.

Examples -- difficult scripture i.e. Mt. 28:1,6 resurrection; Mk. 7:18-19 spiritual defilement, pork; I Tim. 4: doctrine of demons, no marriage.

-- One facet of larger topic -- Prayer, 3 times a day: Being in spirit of prayer, heart in prayers, position, content of prayer. Sabbath -- what you can do, study and pray unhurriedly, time to meditate.

-- Explain examples -- healing, blessing, news event in light of prophecy, for encouragement.

- -- Don't apologize (time, preparation, etc.)
-- Know exactly where you are headed: Limit topic. Think about response you want.
-- Be warm and friendly - not real heavy.
-- Enthusiastic.
-- Grab attention quickly -- short time -- don't waste time.
-- SPS -- stick to it.
-- Stick to key issues of subject -- no time for wandering.
-- Assume nothing -- explain background and points clearly.
→ -- Get a phrase, slogan, basic idea that will stick and repeat it.
-- Round off, summarize with short, proper conclusion.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1) Is subject appropriate?
- 2) Is it too broad?
- 3) Is organization good?
- 4) Is number of scriptures appropriate? (not too many-- not too few?)
- 5) Is it interesting?

COMMON PROBLEMS

(From last year's evaluation)

- "lacked punch"
- "out of focus"
- "practice reading scriptures ahead of time"
- "choose more specific topic"
- "needed more stir"
- "introduced too many ideas"