

Pray Myself Hot!

Read Myself Full!

Turn Myself Loose!



~ *The Art of Evangelistic Preaching & Teaching* ~

Foundational Text: Nehemiah 8: 1 – 8

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cha·ris·ma (kə-rī'z mə)

A rare personal quality attributed to leaders who arouse fervent popular devotion and enthusiasm.

Personal magnetism or charm:

Originally from Waxahachie, Texas, Darron is happily married to Michelle Y. Harris of Houston, Texas for over 12 years. The couple has four children: Darron, Jr., DeMarcus, Keianna, and Adrianna.

An outstanding preacher/pastor/evangelist, Pastor Edwards is in constant demand as a speaker.

He is a distinguished graduate of Texas A&M University having received the coveted Buck Weirus Student Excellence Awards (the highest honor bestowed upon undergraduate students). The Billy Graham School of Missions, Church Growth, and Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky have noted him as a Charles Haddon Spurgeon Discipleship Recipient. He has been afforded the rare opportunity and accepted to study with the scholars at Harvard Divinity School, Summer 2006. His future endeavors include matriculating at Oxford University in England (Theological Exchange Program).

Locally, he is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and the Blue - River Kansas City Baptist Association of the Southern Baptist Convention. An avid writer for several magazines, Darron has completed his first book - **I SECOND THAT EMOTION...UNMASKING THE SEVEN PLAQUES AFFECT PULPITS, PEWS, AND EVERYDAY PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD** (Winepress & Pleasant Word Publications) - which is available across the United States in bookstores and online bookstores worldwide. *Most importantly, he is the pastor of United Believers Community Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri.* To meet the needs of the community more effectively, Pastor Edwards and his congregation have purchased 11 acres of prime real estate near 112th Terrace and Hickman Mills Drive to build a technologically advanced multipurpose facility and state of the art worship center inclusive of a cultural and spiritual bookstore.



DEFINING EVANGELISTIC PREACHING/TEACHING?

A sermon or taught message, which focuses on a portion of scripture to clearly establish the **precise** meaning of the text and to poignantly motivate the hearers to **actions** and attitudes dictated by that text.

Scripture Reference: Nehemiah 8:1-8

Note verse 8:

- a. They read in the book...
- b. Gave the sense...
- c. Caused **them** to understand...

Fishermen who use one technique or method to catch fish -- catch very few fish.

Fishing the World, ESPN

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LEARNERS IN YOUR CLASS OR CONGREGATION

Using the famous *Latin* sayings of philosopher – Rene’ Descartes:

- 1. COGNITO ERGO SUM – I **THINK** THEREFORE I AM
- 2. VIDEO ERGO SUM – I **SEE** THEREFORE I AM
- 3. SENTITO ERGO SUM – I **FEEL** THEREFORE I AM

In other words, 3 types of learners come to your church/class every week.

Foundational Thought: Contemporary congregations want to **FEEL** the truth or experience the truth. However, this experience must be based on quality Biblical information (cognito or cogito) and visual/illustrations (video) so that they can see the truth and move towards the proper response in light of the Holy Scriptures.

KNOW YOUR LISTENERS

Remember that crowds are fickle. The Church of Jesus Christ is filled, as Jesus described, as *a fisherman’s net*.

Scripture Reference: First Chronicles 12:32

Three things you must know how to do effectively:

- 1. Study the **Bible**
- 2. Study your **people**
 - a. 16 to 25 years old. -- "Feed me" generation. -- Low self-esteem. – love small groups
 - b. 25 to 35 years old. "Why me?" generation. - love to talk things over with peers.
 - c. 35 to 50 years old. "Earn me" generation. – love to explore new church models.
 - d. 50 and up. "YOU Need me" generation. possess skills and money. (legacy builders)
- 3. Understand your **culture** (climate of your city)



SERMON CONSTRUCTION

Perhaps the most challenging obstacle for any preacher is to decide what to preach. It is always amusing to hear a preacher say, "I don't have anything to preach," after the Lord Himself has given us 66 books from which to preach from.

I. PRAYERFUL PREPARATION – PRAY MYSELF HOT!

- a. **Pray for the text.** Any sermon must not begin behind a desk or in a book, but rather it begins in the posture of prayer. God knows your abilities, limitations, ambitions and desires. Given this resource, God also knows what HE wants to say to the congregation.
- b. **Select a text.** The Bible is so imaginative. The Bible gives us pictures to understand (scriptural snapshots).
- c. **Look for the needs of people in the text.** You want people to rally around the words of the text and package it in such a way that your congregation/class will be interested in it.

II. REALISTIC RESEARCH – READ MYSELF FULL!

- a. The Bible was written in two forms:
 1. Hebrew
 2. Greek (older variation)

What is a text? A Biblical text is a **COMPLETE** unit of Biblical thought.

- i) could be a sentence, such as Proverbs
- ii) could be a paragraph such as Psalms
- iii) could be a whole chapter or several chapters (such as the Gospels)

c. Be careful in trying to "over-proof" the text. People today need to be fed The Word, and they do not need a lot of "over-proofing" - The text is the **inspired Word of God** and it does not require proof after proof after proof.

III. OFFICIAL OFFERING – TURN MYSELF LOOSE!

- a. The preaching/teaching cycle is complete **when** you go back to the Lord in prayer and actually offer the message back to Him and ask Him for a final review.
- b. Give Him the flexibility to act as an *Executive Editor* and give Him the option of *changing the method of the message* at any time.

Biblical Preaching in a Cultural Context **By Dr. Ed Stetzer**

Biblical preaching

Everybody seems to be an expert on preaching, because everyone who listens to a sermon has an idea of whether or not they like it. False boundaries abound when it comes to preaching. **Biblical preaching must include something to make it a biblical “message” rather than a “speech.”** The Bible does say to “preach the Word” (2 Timothy 4:2-3).

The Aims of Biblical Preaching

If the word is preached and it accomplishes the biblical objectives—“correct, rebuke and encourage”—then we have “preached the Word.”

The agenda of a truly biblical message is set by the words of the Bible and nothing else. Real expositional preaching begins with an examination of God’s Word. You can do that through **four common types of expositional preaching: verse-by-verse, thematic, narrative, and topical.**

- **Preaching verse-by-verse** involves the systematic reading and explanation of a passage of the Bible. Often, this type of preaching results in a series of messages based upon a single book of the Bible. While this style breaks down the meaning of each passage piece by piece, it also defines the meaning of each passage within the context of the entire biblical book being addressed.
- **Thematic preaching** is an excellent method to utilize when preaching on doctrinal subjects or biblical themes. Preachers can combine the teaching of a number of Bible passages in order to address various everyday topics. For example, a speaker could present three different passages (John 14:25-27; Ephesians 2:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7) in a message series entitled “Experiencing Real Peace In A Chaotic World.” The key is to be faithful to their meaning, not just using them to prove your point. This method helps new Christians or uninformed unbelievers learn about the general themes and consistency that can be found throughout the Bible.
- **Narrative preaching** focuses on utilizing biblical texts that tell a story. The story is the centerpiece of the message and is weaved into the entire fabric of the sermon from beginning to end.
- **Topical preaching** usually revolves around one passage of scripture and centers on one theme. Because it is generally a single message built around one theme, it is topical. On the other hand, it is expositional because it utilizes one biblical passage as the source of its content. Concerning the four styles of biblical preaching, this is the easiest to get off track.

Preaching still matters

Preaching matters. Not because it is traditional or expected, but because it is biblically commanded. “Preach the Word” is not a suggestion and it consists of two things: preach and the Word. Our task is to preach (proclaim or herald) the Word (the Scriptures).

10 PRINCIPLES ON IMPROVING YOUR PREACHING/TEACHING

Acts 10:6 -- He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the seaside:
he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

1. Cultivate your own devotional life.
2. Recognize that your people have gathered for a WORSHIP service and not a preaching service. "People should leave your worship service stating, How Great Thou Art (GOD) not How Great Thou Art (God's servant)."

3. Be a student of *the word* and *the world*

Four types of ministries:

Culture + Church – Gospel = **LIBERALISM**

Church + Gospel – Culture = **FUNDAMENTALISM**

Culture + Gospel – Church = **PARA-CHURCH**

Gospel + Church + Culture = **MISSIONAL & STRATEGIC**



The Missional/Strategic has one hand (open) and one hand (closed fist).

4. Incorporate CONTENT, CHARACTER, and COMPASSION into your preaching.
5. Preach to the total man:
logos – knowing
ethos – doing
pathos – feeling (emotional)
6. Let the text determine the shape and style of the message
7. Be timely
8. Incorporate technology into your teachings
9. Present timeless truth in a timely fashion
10. Secure honest feedback (start by asking your spouse or close relative)



20 PRACTICAL PROTOCOL FOR ASSOCIATES

Gleaned from the website of Robert Earl Houston at www.roberthouston.org

A Training Manual for Associate Ministers by Rev. Jesse Voyd Bottoms, Jr. of Poughkeepsie, NY.

1. Never go into the Pulpit unless invited.
2. When invited to the pulpit, never take a seat until advised by the pastor. Even if you are preaching, don't take the center seat until told. **It is better to be asked up than to be asked down.**
3. Don't go to the microphone until told to do so, and while at the microphone do what you have been asked to do and no more. The Holy Spirit will never tell you to take over the service.
4. Never try to preach a "pastoral" sermon. The people will take a "spanking" from their pastor or another pastor, but not from an associate minister.
5. Learn to preach before becoming a praise team leader. Solid preaching begets authentic praise. Don't brow-beat people into praising.
6. When the pastor is absent and you are left in charge of the pulpit, do not change anything or do anything any differently.
7. Don't blame the Holy Spirit for making you do something that you should not do. The Holy Spirit is intelligent.
8. The associate minister is to never accept a preaching engagement without prior approval of the pastor.
9. When an associate minister is not engaged to preach, he is to be present at his home church, in Sunday School and listening and learning from the pastor's preaching.
10. Associate ministers should never ask the pastor or anybody else to let you preach.
11. The Associate minister who does not "tithe" to his home church should never preach at the home church nor be permitted by the pastor to preach any other church.
12. Do not enroll in any course of study without the advice of your pastor.
13. **Never think more highly of yourself than you ought. An arrogant associate is obnoxious to pastor and people.**
14. When assigned a topic or theme on which to preach or speak, you are expected to stay with it. As the Holy Ghost laid it upon the host to invite you, that same Holy Ghost will keep you on the theme, if you are not too lazy to prepare.
15. Honor assigned time. If you have a specific amount of time to preach or speak, stick to it. Don't dare say "you can't put a time limit on the Holy Ghost". The Holy Ghost always works through the leader.
16. Do not expect to preach. The people come to church to hear the pastor.
17. There is no such thing as "my turn" to preach for an associate. The pastor will assign preaching as the pastor sees fit. Associates should never request or desire a certain Sunday to preach.
18. A good pastor will utilize and create opportunities for good associates.
19. Do not expect the people of the church to go with you when you are preaching outside your home church. You are not the pastor. Do not ask anybody in the church to go with you when you are preaching.
20. Before you tell your pastor that you have been called to preach, let him see that you have been called to Sunday School, Bible Class, Prayer Meeting and to "Tithing".

PERSONAL INTEGRITY IN PREACHING by Dean Shriver

“Your temper is uneven; you lack love for your neighbors. You grow angry too easily; your tongue is too sharp—thus the people will not hear you.” **John Wesley wrote these words to a struggling preacher.** In them, we are reminded that the impact of our preaching is not ultimately determined by our mastery of homiletic technique or our clever use of illustration. The preaching that transforms lives is rooted as deeply, in how we live as in what we say. In other words, preaching to change lives requires us to preach with integrity. Integrity is “the state of being whole or undivided.” **As preachers, we demonstrate integrity when unity exists between the truth we proclaim to our congregations and the lives we live before them. Simply put, integrity exists when we “practice what we preach.”**

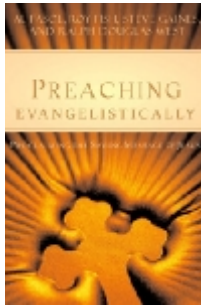
The call to preach requires more of us than verbal proclamation of truth. We must not only speak God’s Word so it can be heard, we must live God’s Word so it can be seen. What Jesus says and what Jesus is are one and the same! This is our model for preaching.

Paul, too, understood that **the call to preach is a call to both speak and live the truth.** Paul committed himself to a life of integrity that both validated and empowered his preaching. He lived carefully to put “no stumbling block in anyone’s path.” More surprising—and certainly more challenging—was Paul’s habit of calling attention to his own conduct. Twice he pleads with the Corinthians to “Imitate me!” To the Philippians he says, “Join with others in following my example.” According to Hebrews 13:7, we should be able to make this same plea. As preachers, we too are called to live a life worthy of imitation.

*However, what does that mean? How “good” do we have to be to be “good enough” to preach? What’s a life of integrity look like? One thing’s for sure—it’s not about perfection. **Paul admits it—he wasn’t perfect. But he was striving. He was growing. He was making progress in his Christian life.***

When we, as preachers, are careful to “press on” in our own spiritual lives, we serve as visual aides for younger believers trying to grasp what it means to follow Christ. When we sin, we can show them what it means to seek forgiveness. When sinned against, we can model what it means to forgive. When we grieve we can demonstrate how to grieve with hope.

In the end, of course, we have to admit that our lives will never perfectly reflect the truth we preach. Even so, by God’s grace, we can be the kind of messengers others can point to and say, “There! That’s what following Jesus looks like.” It’s the integrity God uses to change lives when we preach.



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PREACHING EVANGELISTICALLY

(Al Fasol, Roy Fish, Steve Gaines, Ralph Douglas West)

OVERVIEW OF BOOK:

What is the point to preaching? With so many agendas competing for pulpit time these days, it can be easy to forget the exact purpose of our calling - to proclaim God's salvation through Jesus who died and is now resurrected. Preaching Evangelistically looks at the different elements of gospel preaching and how they are best used to effectively proclaim Jesus. These elements include: sermon setting, text selection, preparation, preaching with biblical authority, giving an invitation, and "Hiding Behind

the Cross As You Preach."

This book also includes three examples of evangelistic sermons from Al Fasol, Ralph Douglas West, and L. R. Scarborough.

CHAPTER ONE: THE SETTING OF THE EVANGELISTIC SERMON

Notes:

You cannot hatch eggs in a cold refrigerator!

Prepare the worship service to be just that an interaction with God not you!

CHAPTER TWO: SELECTING THE TEXT FOR AN EVANGELISTIC SERMON

Notes:

Be strategic about scripture!

Let the text dictate the way the message is preached!

CHAPTER THREE: PREPARING THE EVANGELISTIC SERMON

Notes:

Pray yourself hot, read yourself full, turn yourself loose.

God made The Word – we make the sermon (How are we really doing?)

CHAPTER FOUR: BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

Notes:

In the words of Dr. A. Louis Patterson of Houston, Texas – “Since you are the only one standing on a Sunday morning – gone and preach a little while.”

Don't preach fact like its fiction because the world is preaching fiction like it is fact.

CHAPTER FIVE: GIVING AN EVANGELISTIC APPEAL

Notes:

Take time to consider how you are going to do your invitations. An unchurched culture needs to know exactly what you are asking them to do (**be specific, detailed, use non-churchy terms**)

CHAPTER SIX: HIDING BEHIND THE CROSS AS YOU PREACH

Notes:

If people leave the worship and state – HOW GREAT THOU ART (God's servant) and not HOW GREAT THOU ART (Our God) – you have failed the people!

HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO US AND WORKS THROUGH US

THE MIND OF GOD



REVELATION
Made known that which
was unknowable

HUMAN AUTHORS' MIND



INSPIRATION
God superintended the human
authors, recorded without error

ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT OF THE BIBLE



CANONIZATION – process to determine falsehood

COLLECTION OF THE 66 BOOKS



TEXTUAL CRITICISM

MODERN GREEK AND HEBREW BIBLES



TRANSLATION

MODERN VERSIONS



ILLUMINATION
The work of the Spirit helps to make sense of God's
revelation

THOUGHTS IN OUR MINDS



APPLICATION
Determining the relevance of
Scripture then responding

CHANGE IN OUR LIVES (Preached and Taught Word of God)



COMMUNICATION
saying what the Scriptures said

CHANGE IN THE LIFE OF OTHERS

Recommended Library List

BIBLE DICTIONARIES

Harper's Bible Dictionary
Holman's Bible Dictionary
Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary

BIBLE ENCYCLOPEDIAS

International Bible Standard Encyclopedia
Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible
Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible

ATLAS

Oxford Bible Atlas
Harper Atlas of the Bible

COMPUTER BIBLE PROGRAMS

Libronix (Logos) Bible Software

CONTEMPORARY MODERN LANGUAGE BIBLES

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