

Because the Pastor's wife always has something to say.....don't you?

Equipping to Encourage

What is the purpose of a devotional?

To inspire, encourage, challenge, honor, comfort, teach a Biblical truth, share a life lesson.....

Let's start with a working definition

A previously digested thought/idea/principle you have prepared in a concise, consolidated manner to draw or focus the audience's mind from the temporal upward to the eternal. Col. 3:2 setting our minds on things above.

Basic How To

Preparation

1. Choose your theme/ main point/goal

What is the one thing you want your audience to take away?

2. Develop your point

How does this verse, passage support this main point?

3. Apply your point to the audience's lives today.

How will their thinking or behavior change?

Delivery

1. Start with an opener – an illustration, a question, an example or a story

2. Read your verse or text

3. Take your audience's thoughts by the hand in a concise manner without "skipping ahead".
4. Take the *implication* from the main point of your verse or passage and make an *application* for your listeners.
5. Nice to close with an encouragement, hymn, poem or verse that sums up what you said.

Different types of devotionals

Acrostic

Topical

Word Theme

Variation of a theme from a Bible Truth

One Verse or one small portion of Scripture

Practical Advice

Where do you get ideas?

Keep lists of insights.

What do I write it on?

Be timely.

Nerves

Pray