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Sharpening Our Teaching Skills—Part 2

Last Week:

Big picture overview—Study the Word, Live the Word and Teach the Word

Ezra 7:10 (context: godly priest who taught God's Word to the Israelites after the exile)—
“For Ezra had set his heart **to study the Law of the Lord**, and **to do it** and **to teach** his statutes and rules in Israel.”

Teachers of God's Word should always seek to grow in their teaching and speaking skills, but their character and walk with the Lord is the greater priority and will impact people even when their speaking skills are lacking.

I. Study the Word

II. Live the Word

This Week:

III. Teach the Word—(A) Study, (B) Organize, (C) Teach

A. Study Your Biblical Content (last week)

B. Organize Your Biblical Content

Why organize?

Writing a purpose statement

Knowing your audience

Using outlines—main way to organize your content

Example of a very basic outline format—

- I. Introduction—get audience attention for your topic, make a clear statement of your main point or goal for your speaking, help audience want to hear what you will say
- II. Point #1 and illustration and summary
- III. Point #2 and illustration and summary
- IV. Point #3 and illustration and summary
- V. Conclusion—drive home your overall main point, crucial time in your message, end strong

Your speaking notes

Using PowerPoint

C. Teach your Biblical Content to Your Audience

1. Your Attitude

About yourself

About your audience

About your biblical content

2. Your voice

3. Your non-verbal communication

4. Your ability to keep your audience engaged

5. Your ability to observe audience feedback and adjust to it

Conclusion—Study the Word, Live the Word, Teach the Word!—Ezra 7:10

Commit to growing as a believer, to being the first to be obedient to what you study before you teach it to others. Cultivate friends where you help each other study God's Word and grow spiritually. Commit to Spirit-filled effort to grow in Christ and have Him renew your mind/thinking through His Word.

Commit to improving your teaching skills—

Bible Study Skills—read books on how to study the Bible, learn more about inductive study and word studies and Bible study tools, listen to others who teach and learn from them about how to grow in your study skills.

Teaching/Speaking Skills –Read books and go to seminars on how to speak/teach, get feedback from friends who hear you teach, get a friend to video you when you teach and then watch and evaluate yourself and think of ways to improve next time, observe other teachers (male and female) and evaluate them and learn from what they do well and also not so well (but don't have a critical or judgmental heart toward them, pray for them), find biblically solid women speakers to learn from (online, conferences, DVD's).

Trust God and prayerfully accept invitations to teach and speak because they are opportunities to love and serve others in the name of Christ.