

# Some Guidelines For Public Speaking And Teaching

1. Be thoroughly familiar with the subject matter. (1 Tim. 1:3-7, 2 Tim. 1:13/2:2)
2. Prayer & meditation are important. (Phil. 4:6-8, Col. 4:2-6, James 1:25)
3. As much as possible, know the audience and gear the lesson toward them. (1 Cor. 3:1-2, Acts 10:27-29,37)
4. Speak in terms that are simple and understandable. (1 Cor. 14:2,4,6,9,11, 2 Cor. 1:13)
5. Use a positive approach, affirmation rather than condemnation. (2 Cor. 1:18-20, 2 Cor. 1:23-2:4, 2 Cor. 5:20, 1 Cor. 4:18-21)
6. Stay on the subject. (Matt. 10:7, Acts 17:2-4, 2 Tim. 2:14-16, Titus 1:9-11)
7. For discussion, questions beginning with "how, when, what, why, or who" are good. (Matt. 16:13-15, Matt. 18:21ff, Matt. 19:16-30, Matt. 21:23-27ff)
8. Watch for audience response, maintain contact with others in the study, be a good listener. (Matt. 9:1-9, 9:10-12, 9:35-39, John 6:41-43)
9. Stay in control. Don't let the meeting or yourself get out of hand. (Acts 14:8-18, Acts 15:4-7,12,13,22, 1 Cor. 14:29-33)
10. Be prepared to recognize and admit your own limitations. (2 Cor. 2:12-13, Matt. 17:14-21, Matt. 24:36, Dan. 2:16-18)
11. Avoid sarcasm. It often hurts and is easily misunderstood. (Prov. 9:12, 22:10, Matt. 5:37)
12. Try to start and end on time. (Acts 13:42, Acts 20:7-12, Ex. 12:6-10)
13. Remember how much Christ loves those you are talking to. Remember the value of a soul and the potential of those present. (1 Cor. 9:19-23, 2 Cor. 5:11, 14-21)

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"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:11 NKJV