

Sermon Preparation Checklist ✓

Is this sermon culturally RELEVANT and PRACTICAL?

Is the *theme* CLEAR and simple? Will the listener be able to tell someone else, in one sentence, the main message I have conveyed?

Is the sermon biblically ACCURATE, or am I *making* the text say what I *want* it to say?

Have I checked other Bible TRANSLATIONS the congregation may be using?

Have I checked what ELLEN WHITE has to say on this subject?

Have I checked COMMENTARIES, if available?

Have I allowed for some SIMMERING time? (get away from it for a while)

Is the sermon SIMPLE enough to understand with ONE LISTENING?

Is the message POSITIVE?

Is there appropriate HUMOR involved?

Are there PROPS I can use?

Am I being TRANSPARENT, or have I set myself up as the *perfect* example?

Do I talk about MYSELF too much?

What LIFE CHANGE do I want this sermon to bring to the people? Have I made it clear?

Does this sermon tell people HOW to find victory?

Will this sermon CHALLENGE, ENCOURAGE, and give people HOPE?

Can I make an OUTLINE to hand out? (on occasion)

Is the sermon CHRIST-CENTERED?

Is this sermon GRACE oriented?

Am I PRAYING my way through this sermon preparation?

Have I PRACTICED this sermon OUT LOUD?

INTIMIDATED about speaking before an audience? Remember **Jeremiah 1:8-9**: “‘Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you.’ says the Lord. Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, ‘Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.’”