

Twelve tips for effective street preaching



1) Make your love for Christ the greatest priority in life. We need God's compassion when preaching

King David wrote,

“Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:4)

In the gospel of Matthew we read,

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.” (Matthew 9:35-36)

2) The importance of memorising Scriptures

The LORD said to Joshua, “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (Joshua 1:8)

The Psalmist wrote, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.” (Psalm 119:11)

When street preaching, we do not have notes

For this reason, the more scriptures that we have memorised, the more we can incorporate the word of God in our street preaching

Jesus Himself said,

“If you abide in My word you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

(John 8:31-32)

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” **(Romans 10:17)**

The Apostle Paul also wrote,

“I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom: *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.” **(2 Timothy 4:1-2)**

3) Spend time thinking through messages to preach in street outreaches (This gives you many little messages that the Holy Spirit can draw upon when you are preaching)

4) The importance of being continually filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit

We must always preach out of the overflow of the Holy Spirit in our lives

As we give out, we must continually be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit

It is so important that we minister the word of God and preach the gospel message in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is the anointing that breaks the yokes of bondage in people's lives and sets the captives free

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” **(1 Corinthians 2:3-5)**

The Apostle Paul also wrote,

“that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” **(Ephesians 3:17-19)**

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,” **(Ephesians 5:18)**

Jesus Himself said, “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.” **(John 6:63)**

5) Before commencing an evangelism outreach, ask the Lord for any theme that He may want us to preach on during the outreach (i.e. The need to let the past go)

In the book of Proverbs we read, “Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.” **(Proverbs 16:3)**

In the book of James we read, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” (James 1:5)

When the LORD gives us a theme to preach on, we can then think through some messages to share during our outreaches

6) Spend quality time praying before heading out to preach in the streets for the following:

For God to place in our heart all the messages that He wants us to preach during the street outreaches

If there will be any particular healing needs during the outreach

For God to give us His great love for all the people that we will be preaching to

For God to prepare the hearts of all those who will hear the messages to receive the message of the gospel

For God to keep away all contentious people and for God’s favour from all people

For God’s tangible presence and power and love to be manifest in our outreach meetings

For God’s warring angels to continually surround all of our team members, especially when going to darker areas

Most importantly, for the Holy Spirit to take over our mouth and to speak through us

For God to bring the right people, at the right time, to hear the right messages, when we are preaching in the streets, and

Finally, committing the street outreach into the Lord’s hands and praying that the Holy Spirit would have His way in all that we do from the moment that we commence the outreach

PRAYER INVOLVES GOD IN OUR OUTREACHES

IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE ALWAYS GOD DEPENDENT IN ALL THAT WE DO IN LIFE AND MINISTRY

- **Keys one to six are very much about preparation before we go out to commence an evangelism outreach meeting**

Given the value of every soul to God, it is worth being excellent in preparing for our street preaching messages

I am continually thinking through messages to preach to help see people come to Christ and to encourage believers, as I look at the struggles that many are now going through in life

HAVING A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF HUMANITY HELPS US TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN OUR STREET PREACHING

For example, when preaching to the poor, I can share about the joy and peace and purpose that we can always have when we love God with all our heart and about the wonderful ETERNAL future that we have in Christ

I can also share about the power of prayer to change our circumstances and the faithfulness of God

To the lonely I can share about the wonderful friendship that we can have with God when we come to Christ

- **The next six keys now relate to how we can be effective in street preaching when we COMMENCE to do so**

7) Spend some time worshipping the Lord before commencing preaching

This is a great key to touching God's heart and to getting His love for the people that you are about to preach to

Jesus Himself said,

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” **(John 4:23-24)**

**The words in one song are “Touching heaven changing earth.”
God inhabits the praises of His people**

The Psalmist wrote,

“Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

(Psalm 96:1-2)

8) As you worship the Lord wait for Him to put on your heart what to commence preaching with

For example, a theme or a Scripture to start with - i.e. God has such a great love for all people, or John 3:16

Again, King David wrote,

“Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.” **(Psalm 37:4)**

9) After you have commenced preaching with the theme or Scripture that God has put on your heart to start with, then let the Holy Spirit take over and direct the message

Jesus said,

“Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.”
(Luke 21:14-15)

10) After beginning preaching listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit who will direct our thoughts as He preaches through us

Jesus Himself said,

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” **(John 14:26)**

As I preach, I continually listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit who gently impresses upon my mind the next progression of thoughts to preach on

As we let go and allow the Holy Spirit to minister through us, the message will flow from our heart as we simply follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we preach

One great key to being sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s leading when preaching is to fast before you preach

The real power in our preaching is when we preach the word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, as we let go and allow the Holy Spirit to minister through us

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11) Looking at people as you are preaching in the streets, as the Holy Spirit directs and directing the message to them

The message to them will be relevant for many others as well when you are preaching to large crowds.

As I preach, I speak directly to different people as the Holy Spirit leads rather than just preaching to the air

So often as I preach to people, I share a word of knowledge or wisdom, that helps to open their heart to the gospel message

AND

12) Draw the messages that you preach in the streets to a close by giving people the opportunity of giving their lives to Jesus by sharing the gospel message and praying the sinner’s prayer, or if preaching in a crusade, inviting people to respond to an alter call

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:16-17)

FOLLOWING IS A POSSIBLE SINNERS PRAYER THAT CAN BE USED TO HELP LEAD PEOPLE TO CHRIST AFTER WE HAVE CONCLUDED OUR MESSAGE:

Dear Father God today I turn from my sins to live for You. I believe that Jesus Christ died for all my sins and arose from the dead three days later. Today I invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour and best friend from this day on. Please baptize me now in the Holy Spirit I pray in Jesus Name, Amen.