

IGNITING PRAYER'S PASSION & POWER IN US

FINE TUNING THE PROCLAMATION



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- ✦ There are other interests that are important to the proclaimer:
 - Pace, Pitch, and Patience
 - Level and Learning
 - The Lectionary or Topics
- ✦ Consider your speed of delivery and voice tones. Are you satisfied with them? If not why?



Have you chosen a way to consistently present scripture, i.e., the Lectionary or topical preaching? Was your choice denominationally based or a personal choice? If you have done both, which do you prefer?



Both the Lectionary and topical proclamations have scriptural “limitations.” What are they? Report findings and then do the exercise below.



Exercises for Application

- ✦ **Exercise One:** Using a Lectionary selection, prepare a proclamation. There are several ways of obtaining the current Lectionary offering; the Internet is one source. However, for those who don't have online access, here are a few of the offerings:
- ✦ Easter 6 (This denotes the sixth Sunday of Easter, counting back from Easter Sunday which is the first day of Easter)
 - Acts 17:22–31 (The altar "to an unknown God.")
 - Psalm 66:8–20 (Antiphon: "Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard.")
 - 1 Peter 3:18–22 (This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you.)
 - John 14:15–21 (If you love Me, obey what I command.)



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Ascension (This denote the time of Jesus' ascension)

- Acts 1:1–11 (This same Jesus will come back in the same way you have seen Him go.)
- Psalm 47 (God has gone up with a shout.)
- Ephesians 1:15–23 (God placed all things under His feet.)
- Luke 24:44–53 (I am going to send you what My Father has promised.)




Day of Pentecost (19 May)

- Joel 2:28–29 (I will pour out my Spirit on all people.)
- Psalm 104:24–34, 35b (Antiphon: "I will sing to the Lord all my life.")
- Acts 2:1–21 (The day of Pentecost comes.)
- John 7:37–39 (If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.)

(If you have other Lectionary passages, use them. You are not restricted to the passages presented above. These are presented to give you feel for developing a proclamation linking Lectionary texts.)

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 **Exercise Two:** Using the “*Unofficial Church Calendar*” and taking into account some of the earlier exercises, prepare a topical proclamation for one of the special days. For you who do not have the source text, below I printed the “*Unofficial Church Calendar*” along with suggested scriptural references for those days:

31 December:
Watch Night
(Luke 13: 8,9)

1 January: New Year's Day
(Jeremiah 6:16)

15 January:
The Dr. M. L. King, Jr.
Commemoration
(Genesis 37: 19, 20)

1-28 February:
African American
History Month
(Acts 19: 13-16)

March/April: Palm Sunday
(Matthew 21: 8,9)

March/April: Easter
(Luke 24: 1-5)

May, 2nd Sunday:
Mother's Day
(Genesis 17: 18-21)

June, 3rd Sunday:
Father's Day
(Mark 5: 21-43)

July: Men's Day
(Acts 9: 10-12)

August:
Homecoming
(Nehemiah 2:17)

September:
Youth Day
(Ecclesiastes 12:1)

November:
Thanksgiving
(Luke 17: 11-19)

December:
Christmas
(Matthew 1: 18-23)



This calendar must also include:

Pastor's Anniversary (No particular Month as long as one is given !) (2Kings 4: 8-19)

A week of revival sermons (October):

Monday: The Worth of Worship (John 4: 19-24)

Tuesday: Asking Questions We Don't Mean; Getting Answers We Don't Want!
(Luke 10: 25-37)

Wednesday: Right Here; Right Now! (Matthew 6:25-34)

Thursday: Learn How to Hush . . . Shush . . . Trust (1Corinthians 9: 24 -27)

Friday: Fourth Day Faith! (John 11: 1-46)

A Funeral sermon/s: When God is Silent (1 King's 19: 11-13)



Auxiliary sermon:

(An example would be an Usher Board anniversary sermon)
Application for an Usher (Psalms 84:10)

And last but certainly not least:

A Jesus Sermon:
(John 4: 19-24)

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Special Note:

Some Sermons/Proclamations are available upon request!



Notes:



- ❖ Why do some traditions use the Lectionary and others do not?
- ❖ What are the limitations of topical proclamation?
- ❖ How important are pitch, pace, and patience in terms of proclamation?
- ❖ What is the lowest to which one should gear one's proclamation?
- ❖ Should proclaimers train their voices? If so, how?



- ✦ Reflect on your responsibility in proclamation.
(1Timothy 2:1-8)
- ✦ Consider how you might better prepare to present the message of reconciliation.
(1Corinthians 13)
- ✦ Meditate on how you can reach all educational levels in proclamation.
(Matthew 18:14) (2Peter 3:9)
- ✦ Consider how prayer might assist you in choosing a manner to present scripture.
(2Chronicles 7:14) (Psalm 40:1)
- ✦ Dwell on our need to use time wisely in presentation of proclamations.
(1Thessalonians 4:11)



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