Outline How To Give a Sermonette

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Purposes:

- To give you practice.
- Settle congregation at beginning of service.
- Cover minor point, example, assigned point. [But it does not have to be of minor importance]
- Reinforce pastor, sermon.

Are not:

- To show off speaking ability.
- To move, shake, save the church in 12 minutes.
- To cover major subject.
- To go overtime/cut into sermon time.

10 to 15 minutes on a small topic, or one facet of larger topic, or difficult scripture, or example — healing, blessing, encouraging. Or ask pastor for subject suggestions.

KEY:

- Limit subject to what can be covered in 10-15 minutes.

Examples:

- Difficult scripture i.e. Mt. 28:1, 6 resurrection; Mk. 7:18-19 spiritual defilement, pork; I Tim. 4: doctrine of demons, no marriage.
- One facet of larger topic — Prayer, 3 times a day: Being in spirit of prayer, heart in prayers, position, content of prayer. Sabbath — what you can do, study and pray unhurriedly, time to meditate.
- Explain examples — healing, blessing, news event in light of prophecy, for encouragement.
- Don't apologize (time, preparation, etc.)
- Know exactly where you are headed: Limit topic. Think about response you want.
- Be warm and friendly — not real heavy.
- Enthusiastic.
- Grab attention quickly — short time — don't waste time.
- Specific Purpose Statement (SPS) — stick to it.

- Stick to key issues of subject — no time for wandering.
- Assume nothing — explain background and points clearly.
- Get a phrase, slogan, basic idea that will stick and repeat it.
- Round off, summarize with short, proper conclusion.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. Is subject appropriate?
2. Is it too broad?
3. Is organization good?
4. Is number of scriptures appropriate? (Not too many — not too few?)
5. Is it interesting?

COMMON PROBLEMS: (From last year's evaluation)

- "lacked punch"
- "out of focus"
- "practice reading scriptures ahead of time"
- "choose more specific topic"
- "needed more stir"
- "introduced too many ideas"

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