

Lesson 33 (Appendix)

PREACHING

1. What is your definition of preaching?

Sharing the Word of God with others; ministering it by declaring and proclaiming its truths to one or more people.

2. What motivated you to enter into the ministry?

How do you know that you were "called" to preach?

What steps did you take to conform that you were "called" to preach?

My motivations: I had a life-changing encounter with God after getting saved and desired to share the joy, and reality of my new found faith with others.

- (b) I had a strong desire and passion in my heart to preach that I couldn't seem to quieten.
- (c) I enjoyed preaching whenever i was given the opportunity in the early days of my christian experience.

When I sensed a call to preach, I prayed about it and consulted with some senior ministers. I always experienced joy and fulfillment when I studied and preached; And for the most part, people who received the ministry I offered seemed blessed by it.

- 3. What do you enjoy about your responsibility of preaching?
- 3. I always look forward to people's lives being enriched, blessed, and changed through it.
- 4. What do you dislike about your responsibility of preaching?

I get "keyed up" and sometimes feel inadequate or uncertain about the choice of the message, presentation, reception etc.

- 5. What steps have you taken to enhance your preaching?
 - a. What was the last book or books you read on preaching?
- b. What was the last seminar, workshop or conference you attended regarding preaching?

Mostly I pray over my message and minister it to myself first before sharing it with others; When the principles I am ministering are the ones I have lived and proved in my own life, they always come out stronger and seem to have a greater impact.

I also listen to other preachers, paying a lot of attention to their substance and presentation.

I also sometimes ask people who hear me to critique and provide some sort of feedback.

- (a) EXPLOITS IN MINISTRY by David Oyedepo and STILL DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE by Oral Roberts are 2 of the books I've read recently that enhanced my preaching
- (b) About 5 years ago.
- 6. Who are some of your preaching mentors? Why are they your preaching mentors?

David Oyedepo, Ayo Oritsejafor, Dr Ben Oruma (All of African descent); R.W. Schambach (late), Billy Graham, Gloria Copeland, Joyce Meyer, Jerry Savelle, Bill Winston, John Bevere, Keith Moore, T.D. Jakes, and a host of many others.

Mostly, their messages have blessed me over the years personally, and I like their substance and presentation, and most people who hear them are impacted by their preaching from my observation.

- 7. Over the past ten years, what section of the bible have you derived your sermons?
- 7. New Testament...Gospels and Epistles; Old Testament...Pentateuch, some major and minor prophets...