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Advice to Young Preachers - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/9/2 12:08

Here is a great section in the "text sermons" of quotes and topics for preachers to glean from. Enjoy:

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"It is not our business to make the message acceptable, but to make it available. We are not to see that they like it, but that they get it."

Dr. Vance Havner

A man who listened once to D.L. Moody was very critical of his grammar and reprimanded him for it. Moody's response was: "I wish my grammar were better. I wish I had a better education, but I am using all the grammar I have for the glory of God. Are you doing as much with yours?" God is more interested in our availability than he is our ability. 1000 Illustrations For Preaching & Teaching-----Jones

Re: Advice to Young Preachers, on: 2005/9/2 12:29

This one I like the most. It makes me laugh (because it's SOO TRUE), and is a strong truth that is hard to bear.

Studying For Preaching

"Spurgeon fixed upon a text, and then, for many years gave it to his secretary, who was a minister, in his great library, saying "There is my text." Then that minister went through Spurgeon's library, which he had indexed for him, and brought everything that had any bearing on that text, and piled books all around him. Spurgeon took those books and read all those things, and then made his outline. That was his method. " --Dr. G. Campbell Morgan-

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/9/2 14:29

There's more good advice for young preachers (and even one or two older ones) (https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id7020&forum41&1) here.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2005/9/3 12:36

Philologos,

You wrote:

"Fun? yes fun. Spurgeon (like Ravenhill) had a mischievous sense of fun and the company of these young men seem to have been the perfect setting for it. It has been said of Spurgeon 'that he never went out of his way to make a joke, and never went out of his way to avoid one'."

I used to think all preachers were funny because my grandfather, who was a preacher, was a lot of fun. Seems to me a preacher needs a healthy sense of humor to endure the serious task he is called to.

ginnyrose

Re: Advice to Young Preachers - posted by hredii (), on: 2005/9/3 17:09

Passion In Preaching

There was a great English actor in years gone by whose name was Macready. A famous preacher once said to him: "I wish you would explain something to me. Man said, "Well, what is it? I don't know that I can explain anything to a preacher." Preacher asked, "What is the difference between you and me? You are appearing before crowds night after night with fiction, and the crowds come wherever you go. I am preaching the essential and unchangeable truth, and I am not getting any crowd at all. The famous actor responded by saying, " This is quite simple. I can tell you the difference between us. I present my fiction as though it were true, and you present your truth as though it were fiction." - Dr. G. Campbell Morgan