Five Proven Laws For Powerful, Purposeful And Passionate Preaching

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Introduction

I am not writing this as one who has arrived. The only sense of arrival I have is that after every sermon, I know that I will try to do better the next time. That is the sense that most preachers have. We never quite perfect every aspect of preaching.

The following five laws are principles and strategies that I have learned and used over the past years as an appointed preacher and are taken from my book **22 Laws of Preaching.**

I believe every preacher could benefit from these laws. Some of them may be applied differently depending on your ministry, your location, your church, your flock. But in trying to be fresh, real, sensitive, and Word-based in my preaching, these are the values I respect, the laws I use and try to live by. I pray they will benefit you as well.

The Law of Filling Your Own Well

A leader's spiritual condition will be evident in his preaching. An empty spirit, an empty well, cannot be hidden behind a flurry of fast or pretty words. Preaching is impartation, not just communication. "Imparting" implies giving a part—in this case, a part of yourself. The leader must keep his own heart and spirit healthy, growing, and full of the goodness and passion of God to pass these things on to others.

When your well is not full, you preach from your lack and insecurities. You may apologize too much. You may say things you wish you had not said. When your well is empty, you may preach from your mind instead of your spirit. You may not feel the difference, but your church will, your friends will, and your family will. The connection with people's spirits will not be made. Mind speaks to mind and spirit speaks to spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit and you speak out of that reservoir, people respond—even if your words are weak and your outline is illogical and your illustrations do not hit the target.

If you minister out of a full well, they will drink. Why? Preaching is a spiritual act. It is not lecturing or public speaking. I have no desire to be a public speaker: what I love is to be a vessel for the holy oil of God. I love to see a well so filled with the right virtues and the right spirit that it spills out over the people and you can see them drinking in.

Nothing will keep a leader's well filled better than consistent devotional reading of the pure word of God, coupled with prayer from the heart that is a true communion with the Father. Set aside a specific time and place for your daily devotional and one-on-one prayer appointment with God. Make this meeting time as unbreakable as a dental appointment. Hold on to this connection to God and God's Word throughout your day.

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