

Resource Ministries
STM2 - Communicating God's Word
COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD WITH INSPIRATION

I. What is inspiration?

- A. Ability of a speaker to stir the heart of the hearer to life of the message.
- B. Stimulation of the mind or emotions to a high level of feeling or activity.
- C. The condition of being so stimulated.
- D. Theology. Divine guidance or influence exerted directly on the mind and soul of humankind.

II. Inspiration

Had it not been for you, I should have remained what I was when we first met, a prejudiced, narrow-minded being, with contracted sympathies and false knowledge, wasting my life on obsolete trifles, and utterly insensible to the privilege of living in this wondrous age of change and progress. -Benjamin Disraeli (1804–81)

- A. Our inspiration comes from God. (2 Timothy 3:16 NIV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. NASB says "inspired" and NKJV says "by inspiration."

- B. To speak with inspiration, we must be inspired. We can only give what we have. (Luke 6:45)

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks. (NIV)

- C. Because His word is inspired, we are to speak it inspired (1 Peter 4:11)

If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God.(NIV)

III. How do we receive the inspiration of God into our lives?

- A. Through prayer (Matthew 7:7-11)

7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (NIV)

- B. Through the study and meditation of God's word (2 Timothy 2:15)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (NIV)

- C. Through a life-style that lives the message (James 1:23-25)

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it -- he will be blessed in what he does. (NIV)

- D. Through experiencing the power of God working in your life (Matthew 22:29)

Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. (NIV)

- E. Through God given experiences that communicate truth (1 John 1:1-3)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched -- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. (NIV)

- F. Through receiving inspired ministry (1 Cor 2:4-5; 1 Thess 1:5-7)

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. (NIV)

1 Thessalonians 1:5-7 because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. (NIV)

IV. What makes us inspired messengers of God's word

A. The anointing of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18)

Luke 4:18 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, (NIV)

B. The conviction of our faith (1 Thessalonians 1:5)

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D. The passion to communicate God's word (1 Corinthians 9:16)

Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! (NIV)

E. Knowing and embracing the mission of God's choice (Galatians 1:15-16)

Galatians 1:15-16 But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles..., (NIV)

F. The revelation of God's message (1 Corinthians 11:23)

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, (NIV)

- G. Having compassion for those the message is for (Mark 6:34)

Mark 6:34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. (NIV)

- V. Some practical ways to be inspirational

- A. Establish contact with the people
- B. Capture their attention
- C. Keep the message alive to the need
- D. Keep voice fresh, alive, easy to hear
- E. Maintain eye contact as much as possible
- F. Speak clearly and plainly

- G. Let the style of the delivery be in agreement with the content of the message

- H. Stay alert to the response so that you know how effectual you are

- VI. Examples of inspired messages

- A. Acts 2:14-41
- B. Acts 5:34-41

- VII. Conclusion:

An inspired message is not judged by how well you deliver the message, or by how good you feel about it, but rather it is judged by the results it produces. The question is, "Is anyone inspired?"

