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"Plan Purposefully. Prepare Properly. Proceed Positively. Pursue Persistently."

WORD POWER

"When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths."

~ 1 Corinthians 2:13

As leaders, eventually we will be called to speak in front of an audience. You may be among those who feel comfortable with public speaking, but if not, I hope the following tips will help you grow in this area.

- **Know Your Topic.** You will feel more comfortable speaking on a topic you are familiar with or have thoroughly researched. Use personal experiences and share a funny story when appropriate.
- **Practice.** Go over your presentation in front of a mirror or someone who can give you feedback.
- **Learn and Grow.** Attend seminars/workshops on public speaking. Search the internet for tips on how to be a good public speaker.

Remember the 3 C's of speaking/communication:

- **Consideration** *"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."* (Philippians 2:4)
- **Control** *"A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls."* (Proverbs 25:28)
- **Consequences** *"The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences."* (Proverbs 18:21)

It just may be that one day you will be asked to speak unexpectedly. You didn't have time to prepare a talk. What are you to do? This has happened to me so many times, and so I began to come up with ideas to help jump start my talk before nervousness and panic took over. By keeping in mind the following, I hope you will feel ready to conquer an unexpected invitation to speak:

Time Management Tip:



As you plan your day, keep the following in mind:

T = Treasure: Time is a gift from God, use it wisely.

I = Investment: Time gives opportunities to lay up treasures in heaven.

M = Measured: Time has limits, therefore, set your priorities right.

E = Eternal: How we use our time while here on earth will have eternal consequences.

Your "To Do" List:



Do more than exist: LIVE.

Do more than touch: FEEL.

Do more than look: OBSERVE.

Do more than read: ABSORB.

Do more than hear: LISTEN.

Do more than listen: UNDERSTAND.

Do more than think: REFLECT.

Do more than just talk: SAY SOMETHING.

~ Author Unknown

- What is your favorite Bible verse and why is it special to you.
- Pick up whatever item you have on hand and create a Bible lesson. Here are some samples: If you have a tissue you can demonstrate how God will wipe away our tears one day; A pencil can teach us that when we confess and repent of our sins, God will remember them no more; A water bottle/glass can turn into an opportunity to speak about the only One who can quench our thirst.
- Look around the place you are in. Does it have lights? Talk about the Light of the world. Does it have a water fountain? Talk about the Fountain of Life.
- How's the weather? Is it sunny? Talk about the Son. Is it cloudy? Talk about God's faithfulness during the dark times. Is it rainy? Talk about the showers of blessings God pours on us each day. Is it windy? Talk about the Holy Spirit.

It is always a good idea to have several Bible verses handy written on a 3x5 card or "sticky note" placed in your purse or Bible.

Jesus, when speaking to the multitude, would often point to things found in nature or items the people were familiar with to teach a spiritual lesson.

Most importantly, trust God to fill you with His Holy Spirit so that He will bring to your mind the right words to say.

"If the thoughts are right, then as a result the words will be right."

~ In Heavenly Places, pg. 164

Creative Ideas

If you are planning a special event such as Prayer Breakfast or a simple get-together, the following are just some theme ideas to consider:

- Breakfast by the Sea
- Prayer Soup
- Bread from Heaven
- Prayer Sandwich
- P - R - A - Y - E - R Power
- God's Beauty Salon

I will be more than happy to assist you in creating a program fit for your special event. Please email me your request: creativebox.dj@gmail.com.

"Everybody can be great . . . because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Creative Idea:



Give a creative gift box to someone involved in women's ministries filled with the following list of items representing valuable lessons:

- Highlighters of different colors: Every woman is different and each can be used in God's vineyard.
- Glue: The purpose of this ministry is to bind women together in fellowship with one another and with Jesus.
- Pencils: Just as pencils wear out and need to be sharpened, make sure you take time away each day to be "sharpened" (renewed) in God's presence.
- Stapler: When things seem to be fallen apart and not working out as planned, trust God to give you the strength to keep yourself together and wisdom to place things back in order.
- Notebook: As you use a notebook to keep notes, remember that your hard work/deeds may not be seen by others, but God is keeping track of your unselfish work and faithfulness in the small things and will reward you accordingly.
- Scissors: Cut away from your life all ties that prevent you from surrendering fully to God's service.
- Ruler: Are you growing each day in your spiritual walk with God? Is your life one of continuous progress forward?
- Tissue Box: Although there may be times of sadness/frustration and a tear or two may be shed, remember that God is by your side and understands your emotions. Lean on Him for support and comfort. His strength will be made perfect in your weakness. Live with the hope that one day He will wipe away the tears from your eyes.

Ask Diana:

Is there a difference between presenting a Seminar and a Workshop?

Answer:

Many may use the words seminar and workshop interchangeably. In my experience these are two different scenarios. In a seminar, you will often have one presenter lecturing a group of people (large or small) with little to no interaction from the audience. In a workshop the participants are fully engaged in a learning process by joining in group discussions, activities and practical applications of what is being taught.

If you feel comfortable having others give their input and allowing them to actively participate in the topic being presented, then presenting workshops will work for you. Or, if you rather present a subject and have the audience process the information on an individual basis, then presenting a seminar would be the way to go.

Keep in mind your personality and speaking style. People who are creative and out-going will enjoy presenting workshops and those who are more reserved but yet would like to share their knowledge in their area of expertise will succeed in a seminar/lecture setting.

Do what you feel most comfortable with. Relax and learn from your experience. Allow God to work through you.

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