



After it's all said and done.....

What have we said and done?

- I. The PROBLEM in Pulpit Ministry**
- II. The PURPOSE of the Pulpit Ministry**
- III. The PROCEDURE of the Pulpit Ministry**
- IV. The PEDAGOGY of the Pulpit Ministry**

I. The PROBLEM in Pulpit Ministry

- Shift from 1500 hrs of instruction in 10 years to 150 hrs
- Homiletics that minimize textual details in favor of summaries
- Limitation of biblical exposition to the immediate passage and/or the immediate book itself
- Sermons reduce to ethics and five points of behavior
- Spiritual dynamics replaced by sensory stimulation
- Edification replaced by entertainment

I. The PURPOSE of the Pulpit Ministry

1. Transformed Thinking

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or image, transform.

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2 Peter 3:18, “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.”

Phil. 3:14, “I press on toward the **goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”**

3. Character Development

Galatians 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23, “gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

3. Character Development:

1 Ti 1:5, “But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”

4. Behavior Change (incl. Christian Service): Eph. 2:11-12

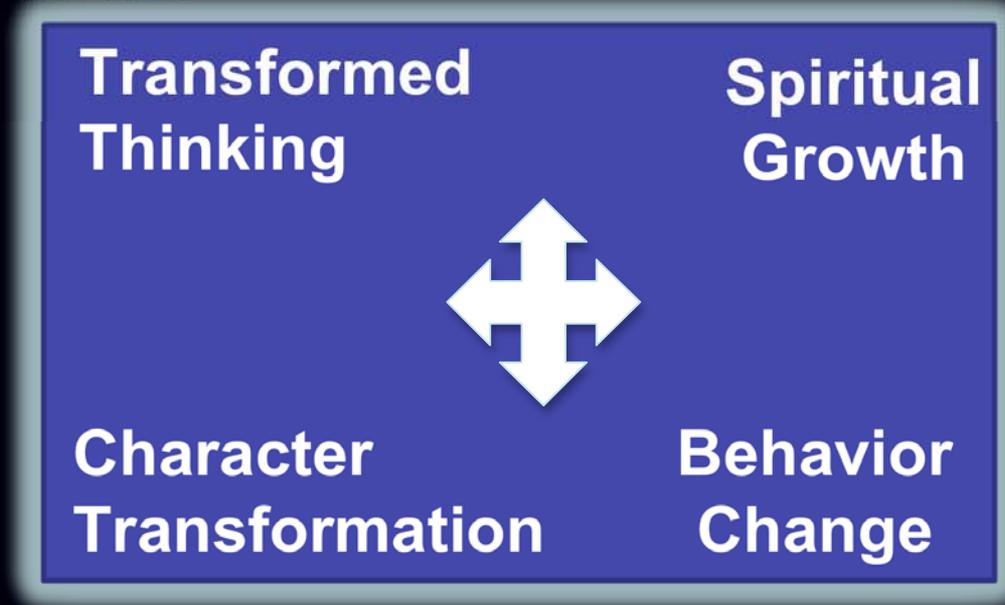
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- **Rom. 12:10, “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;**
- **Rom. 12:11, “not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;**
- **Rom. 12:12, “rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,**
- **Rom. 12:13, “contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.”**

Pulpit End-Game Boundaries

Rom.12:2
2 Cor. 10:5-6

1 Pet. 2:2
2 Pet. 3:18



1 Tim. 1:5
Gal. 5:20-22

Eph 4:24-25
1 Thess. 5:12-18

**Changed Lives = transformed thinking
+ spiritual growth
+ spiritual fruit
+ changed behavior**

2 Cor. 10:5, “*We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the **knowledge** of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,*”

Col. 3:2, “Set your **mind** on the things above,
not on the things that are on earth.”

Eph. 4:23, “and that you be renewed in the spirit of your **mind**,”

Rom. 8:28, “And we **know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”**

1 Cor. 2:12, “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might **know** the things that are freely given to us of God.”

Rom. 15:14, “And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all **knowledge and able also to admonish one another.”**

2 Cor. 2:14, “But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the **knowledge of Him in every place.”**

Eph. 4:13, “until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the **knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”**

Col. 1:10, “so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the **knowledge** of God;”

2 Pet. 1:3, “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true **knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”**

2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow in the grace and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

1 Tim. 4:13, “Until I come, give attention to the *public reading of Scripture*, to exhortation and **teaching.**”

διδασκαλία (*didaskalia*), teaching, instruction; 15× in the Pastoral epistles

διδαχή (*didachē*), teaching. 2×

2 Tim. 4:2, “preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and **instruction.**”

2 Tim. 2:2, “The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who **will be able to teach** others also.”

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for **teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;”**

**How many hours of learning does a person need
To transform the way they think, grow spiritually,
develop character, and change behavior?**

30 min × 50 Sundays = 25 h/y (250 hours/10 years)

3 hours × 50 = 150 h/y (1500 hours/10 years)

III. Procedure

Two Approaches to Bible Study

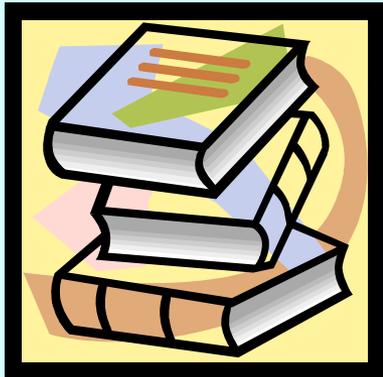
The Vertical Method



Focused on one paragraph, section, and book at a time

The Horizontal Method

Old Testament



Rest of NT



Pausing in a paragraph, or verse, to study similar passages

ANALYSIS

Word studies
syntax
context

SYNTHESIS

Thinking biblically
categories
correlation
topics



Interpretation

Heb. 1:1, “God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

Heb. 1:2, “in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.”

IV. Pedagogy

- 1. Review, review, review.**
- 2. Creatively repeat; and repeat identically.**
- 3. Teach in memorable ways, but also in ways that can't be forgotten.**
- 4. Relate to universal categories.**
- 5. Scripture written to answer practical problems, with technical theological rationales.**
- 6. We are training officers; training the body of Christ.**
- 7. It's hard to think; harder to think about how you think.**
- 8. Use every tool available, visuals, youtube, ppt.**