**Preaching Template**

1. Pray much and read scripture while asking God which passage, or topic, He wants you to preach on. Use your imagination to re-live that passage (TMB:1).
2. Read similar passages, or Ellen White’s comments. See “Treasury of Scripture Knowledge” - [www.tsk-online.com](http://www.tsk-online.com) - just enter book, chapter, verse(s)

1. What is the primary message of this passage?” Write & rewrite until you have a concise, powerful statement. This is your main point, your theme sentence.
2. What are your 2 – 4 sub-points in your passage/topic – that further clarifies the main sentence and provides a clear progression (flow) of thought? **Re-write**!

A.

B.

C.

1. Now use the **CIA** (clarify, illustrate, and apply)
2. Sub-point A - Clarify – (What does this sub-point mean?)
3. Sub-point A - Illustrate – who did something similar (or the opposite) to this idea? Be a collector of short stories!!!
4. Sub-point A - Apply – what should they do (what does God want them to do) about this concept?
5. Sub-point B – Clarify
6. Sub-point B – Illustrate
7. Sub-point B – Apply
8. Sub-point C – Clarify
9. Sub-point C – Illustrate
10. Sub-point C – Apply
11. **Introduction**: What questions could you ask to get people to think about your topic? Express a current problem and hint at a Biblical answer. What human interest story illustrate your topic/passage. You have 15-30 seconds to earn the right to be heard – NEVER bore them!
12. **Conclusion**: Summarize your main point. Summarize your sub-points. Use a story to illustrate someone doing this. Appeal for them to do something based upon this sermon! Don’t forget to invite them to accept Christ as their Savior.
13. Practice giving your sermon until you are comfortable and enthusiastic!