

DIMENSIONS OF EFFECTIVE PREACHING

*As Identified by a 2016 survey taken by the Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching at Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary**

1. Biblical/Exegetical:

The effective preacher's sermons are the result of careful exegetical study of selected Biblical texts, revealing an awareness of their grammatical/syntactical, historical, cultural, literary, and theological dimensions and ever attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

2. Relevance:

The effective preacher's sermons demonstrate a proper hermeneutic which bridges the gap between the meaning of the text in its historical context and its meaning for the contemporary context of the hearer resulting in the application of its meaning to everyday life

3. Person of the Preacher:

The effective preacher's life and ministry demonstrate such authenticity, integrity and commitment to the Christian faith that the sermon is never questioned or compromised by the character of the preacher.

4. Theological/Orthodox:

The effective preacher's sermons proclaim the great truths of the Christian faith in keeping with the great Christian theological and ethical tradition

5. Sermon Form:

The effective preacher's sermons employ a form/structure/shape which allows the meaning of the text to be exposed in an understandable manner so that the hearer is engaged from beginning to end.

6. Effective Communication:

The effective preacher's sermons clearly communicate the central truth(s) of the Biblical text by the use of accessible language and effective images and illustration so as to have an affective impact on the lives of the hearers and an awareness of the presence and power of God.

7. Delivery:

The effective preacher's sermons are delivered skillfully employing a style authentic to the preacher and appropriate to the hearers. The style and delivery never supersede or hinder the content of the sermon but enable hearers to better hear and understand it.