How to Say the Right Thing at the **Right Time and Avoid Saying** Something Not As Great As What You Might Have Said If You Said What You Should Have Said and Would Have Said If You Had Been **Prepared For the Fantastic Opportunity You Might Have Just** Otherwise Missed.

An Introduction to Communicating Basic Biblical Truth

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4 Preliminary Questions

- Who Should Communicate Biblical Truth?
 Colossians 3:16, 2 Timothy 2:2, Titus 2:3
- Why Communicate Biblical Truth?
 - 1 Corinthians 1:18, 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- What is the Content of Biblical Truth?
 Teaching/Preaching Distinction
- How, When and Where to Communicate Biblical Truth?
 - Formal/Informal Distinction

4 Preliminary Principles

- The Bible is Authoritative
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- The Bible Can Be Understood
 - 1 Corinthians 2:14-16, 2 Peter 3:16 (2 Timothy 2:15)
- The Bible Demands Literal Grammatical-Historical Interpretation

- Genesis, 2 Peter 1:20-21

 4 Step Process for Basic Understanding of the Bible The 4th Principle: 4 Steps of Bible Study (the scientific method)

- Observe
- Interpret
- Correlate (Verify)
- Apply
 - Primary application
 - Principle
 - Secondary application



4 Vital Warnings

- You first!
 - 1 Timothy 4:16 (Ezra 7:10)
- Better be prepared!
 - James 3:1 (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Don't miss the point!
 - 1 Timothy 1:5
- Don't give away fish! (The Fishing Principle)
 - 2 Timothy 2:2

- Informal Preaching
 - One on one evangelism
- Formal Preaching
 - Message-based evangelism
- Informal Teaching
 - One on one, non-systematic discipleship
- Formal Teaching
 - Verse by verse
 - Passage or book overview
 - Topical

4 Methods

Before You Communicate...

- Provide verse analysis running commentary on the verses
- Summarize primary application, principle, secondary application(s)
- Identify the impact of the passage on your own life and begin to act upon it
- Develop a presentation of the passage for the edification of others

Verse by Verse: A 9-Step Example

- #1 reading of the passage to be covered
- #2 prayer for guidance in study
- #3 basic summary of background and context
- #4 reading of individual section (sentence, verse, or paragraph)
- #5 relating of section to the overall context
- #6 summary of each section's verse analysis and exegetical key points
 -SHOW YOUR WORK. Don't give away fish!!!
- #7 highlight principles and applications at appropriate points
- #8 offer brief summary of overall exegetical context, highlights, and principles and applications
- #9 prayer for wisdom and strength in order to be an effectual doer of the word, to the glory of God

