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I. Preaching is important.
   A. Words are like bullets.
      1. Stand (D. T. Niles did this).
      2. Turn around and face rear.
      3. Turn back and be seated.
   B. God had 1 Son - Made Him a preacher.

II. Things happen when you preach.
   1 Cor. 9: "Lest by any means when
   A. It's a herald's job.
   B. It's one beggar telling another where there is bread.
   C. It's the treasure in earthen vessels.
   D. It's balance: God & Man.
      1. Let go & let God.
      2. God is everything, I'm nothing.
      3. I can't, but He can.
      4. Passive, no education or social action.
      5. Earth worm & Indian #1 vs.
         1. Heaven belongs to God; earth to us.
         2. Watchmaker who wound up earth & leaves it to us.
         3. God sole actor, man orphan or Duet God & Man

III. What is preaching.
   A. P. Brooks "The communication of truth thru man to man."
   B. Claypool "An event - things happen."
   C. Boys poem.
IV. Some Facts To Remember.
   A. What's your objective.
   B. Why - your motivation.
   C. How - methodology.
   D. When - Timeliness.

V. What's Your Objective.
   A. What are you trying to do?
   B. What goal is yours.
   I Cor. 9:24 "So run that ye may obtain.

VI. Why — Motivation?
   A. Social?
   B. Tradition?
   C. Economic?
   D. Sound of own voice.
      1. Churchill's picnic story "Where's Johnny's cap." #3
      2. Homo competetus.
      Mk. 9:33-37 "And he came to Capernaum; and being
      F. Witness (relate) vs. Soul Winner (success orientat

VII. How — Methodology.
   A. Invitation.
   B. Programmed.
   C. Be self.
      1. Story of paratroop training. #4

VIII. When — Timeliness.
   A. Make the move at right time.
      1. There is a tide in the affairs of men - Shakespea
      2. God used it.
      Gal. 4:4 "In the fulness of time
   B. Carlyle Marney taught "if we listen to people
20 hrs. per wk. have right to speak 20 min.

C. Jesus always on target appropriately.

Bill Yorke's Bible Class, Lipscomb 1-11-83
Boys flying kites pull in their white-winged birds,
But this you cannot do, when you are flying words.
Thoughts unexpressed may someday fall back dead,
But God Himself can't kill them once they are said.