

MIDTERM EXAM

HOMILETICS
SESSIONS 1-5

TRUE OR FALSE: Circle "True" or "False" at the end of each question.

1. A sermon should usually be no longer than 45 minutes.
TRUE or FALSE
2. Psalm 81:10 "...open your mouth wide and I will fill it..." applies to preaching.
TRUE or FALSE
3. If you are going to use a sermon illustration, it should only come from the Bible.
TRUE or FALSE
4. Bad or invalid principles are often found when we base a principle on only one scripture.
TRUE or FALSE
5. It usually takes more time to express the truth when you use illustrations.
TRUE or FALSE

MULTIPLE CHOICE: Circle the correct answer for each question.

6. What is one difference between a sermon and a teaching?
 - A. A sermon should have many "hooks."
 - B. Sermons are longer than teachings.
 - C. Sermons have one key point; teachings may have many key points.
 - D. Teachings have more fire and energy in them than sermons do.
7. Which of these is true of teaching?
 - A. Teaching usually is shorter than preaching.
 - B. Teaching is more spiritual than preaching.
 - C. Teaching uses much more energy than preaching.
 - D. Teaching builds up over time, little by little, and influences people over time.

8. Which of these statements about Jesus' parable of the wheat and weeds is true?
 - A. Jesus had numerous main points.
 - B. Jesus had one main point.
 - C. Jesus had only one supporting point.
 - D. The points in the parable are very difficult to picture.
9. Which of these is NOT true of Solomon's sermon preparation?
 - A. He spent time pondering and thinking about his subject.
 - B. He wrote his messages down.
 - C. He didn't take much time to prepare his sermons.
 - D. He spent time choosing the exact words.
10. Which of these points is NOT true?
 - A. If people get bored listening to a sermon, it is because they are not spiritual.
 - B. People need messages that help them with the difficulties Christians face.
 - C. People need to receive a "balanced diet" in the sermons they hear.
 - D. Pastors who don't prepare usually preach the same themes over and over.
11. Which of these is NOT one of the qualities of a godly pastor in 1 Timothy 3:1-7?
 - A. A godly pastor must be wealthy.
 - B. A godly pastor must be blameless.
 - C. A godly pastor must have self-control.
 - D. A godly pastor must be able to teach.
12. Which of the following statements IS true about illustrations?
 - A. There are very few illustrations in the Bible.
 - B. It is best not to use a lot of illustrations.
 - C. The majority of Jesus' words were illustrations.
 - D. It is wrong to use other people's illustrations.

13. What does the story of Nathan the prophet confronting King David with his sin show us?
 - A. The main reason to use illustrations is to confront people's sin.
 - B. King David always obeyed God and God's word.
 - C. Nathan the prophet liked to confront people.
 - D. Illustrations can help teach truth in an indirect way.
14. Which of the following statements is true about using humor in a sermon?
 - A. Humor should not be used in a sermon.
 - B. Humor is good if it helps to illustrate a point and keeps peoples' attention.
 - C. Humor is always good, as long as it entertains the people and gets them to laugh.
 - D. Humor should be used as seldom as possible.
15. Which of the following is true about using visual aids?
 - A. Visual aids should always be small.
 - B. Visual aids should be held at waste level.
 - C. Visual aids should be passed around while you are speaking.
 - D. When you are done with a visual aid, you should put it out of sight.
16. Which of the following is true about illustrations?
 - A. Using illustrations is not spiritual.
 - B. Using illustrations is very difficult, because illustrations are hard to find.
 - C. Using illustrations can shorten the amount of time it takes to explain an idea.
 - D. Using illustrations is only appropriate when they come from the Bible.
17. Which of the following statements is true?
 - A. The best illustrations make many different points.
 - B. When you find a good illustration, you should use it over and over again in different messages, at the same church.
 - C. An illustration that can be pictured and touches the emotions is a good illustration.
 - D. Testimonies are not good to use as illustrations.
18. Which statement is true about a good, scriptural principle?
 - A. S good principle can come from just one scripture.
 - B. A good principle often comes from requiring Christians to follow Old Testament laws.
 - C. A good principle should always agree with the rest of the Bible.
 - D. A good principle does not need to apply to all Christians, just to some.
19. Which of the following is NOT part of what we should do in choosing a sermon topic?
 - A. Spending time in daily prayer, worship, and listening to the Holy Spirit.
 - B. Regular Bible reading and study.
 - C. Listening to good preachers and taking notes.
 - D. Choosing a passage and theme that people often argue about.
20. What percentage of Jesus' teaching was made up of illustrations?
 - A. More than 20%
 - B. More than 40%
 - C. More than 50%
 - D. More than 70%