

## 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%