

Back in January I did a lesson on One80 Preaching, then I went over the mechanics of Concert preaching: Voice levels, and the outline of a clear altar call. Today I want to look at the Heart of Preaching... The spiritual preparation of the altar call preacher-

Isaiah 49:1–2 (ESV) Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

I THE GOD FACTOR:

A- Effective preaching starts with GOD!

1. We desperately need God to get involved in our preaching!
 - a. **John 15:5** apart from me you can do nothing... Without God WE CANT accomplish anything!
2. So effective preaching starts with the recognition that: I NEED GOD
 - a. In the honest recognition of need, now the source of MY CONFIDENCE comes from God.

B- See it is God who equips us with effectiveness-

1. **V1** teaches us that Calling comes from God... *The Lord called me...* If He called us then He will help us!
2. **V2** He made my mouth like a sharp sword... Anointing (Divine effectiveness) Dominion (right to rule)
3. The starting point of altar call preaching is GOD I NEED YOU- That is a confession & a decision (Source)

II THE YOU FACTOR:

A- So beginning with God is first, but then we need to think what does that look like?

1. Prayer: We need to pray for these things... **John 14:13** And I will do whatever you ask in my name...
 - a. Heart for things of God, evangelism... Pray for anointing and dominion
2. Scripture: Getting it in you... Read, Study, Memorize... You have to get it in you so you can draw out the promises
3. Live Right: **1Pt2:9** But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
 - a. (1) Living right makes you a vessel of Honor... (2) Living right protects the gifting!

4. Fast: To find the mind of God... **Acts 13:2** While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

 a. Guidance came through fasting... He can prompt you, direct you, inspire you

B- Give God something to work with... Be intentional about your calling/preaching

1. You will find that he wants to help you!
 - a. **Jer1:9** Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth.
 - b. **V2** HE made my mouth like a sharp sword... cut through rebellion, hardness of heart, resistance, mockery...

III THE RESULTS:

A- Now you will be able to break through the results you want to see-

1. Hands raised, people repenting, people locking into church!
2. And if you aren't seeing those things- REPEAT STEP ONE!
 - a. Not as a formula, rather as a response and a conviction.
 - b. In a posture of Faith, in an attitude of Faith, in the aggression of Faith