

Christian Ministry  
Paul to Timothy (in times of hardship for both)

1 Timothy 4:12-13  
Set the believers an example in  
Speech  
conduct  
love  
faith  
purity

Devote yourself to  
the reading  
the encouragement  
the teaching  
so that all may see your progress

Ten point checklist for sermon preparation and delivery (we all need good methods)

*Tuesday- Wednesday (3 hours)*

1. Reset the text line by line (by hand or computer - [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com))  
See if there is a natural structure (see e.g., on 1 Peter 3:7)
2. Context: work out how the text follows from what was written before  
In letters look out for connectors ('For'; 'Therefore' etc.)  
Ask: how does my passage relate to what comes next?
3. Identify items in the passage you don't understand. Check a commentary
4. How does this passage relate to the known situation of the original readers?
5. Ask yourself: what is the **BIG** idea in the passage?

*Wednesday-Thurs day (3 hours)*

6. How does the teaching of the passage fit in overall with Christian theology?
7. What will my sermon outline be (based on its BIG idea)?
8. Lord, give me (a) some good *illustrations*, and (b) a helpful *application*.

*Friday (2 hours)*

9. Type up the sermon text
10. Reduce it to a 1 page outline, practice that and preach from that (for eye contact)

Sunday Preach the BIG idea from your summary. Give the people good things to take home

Make it    D    disciplined in preparation  
              E    engaging  
              E    edifying  
              P    passionate

Helpful to create a computer folder for each passage with files for (i) template outline; (ii) sermon text; (iii) one page outline; (iv) ideas for illustrations.

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