

## SESSION VIII

### THE PASTOR AS SHEPHERD— THE SERMON'S ILLUSTRATION

The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools. (Proverbs 26:7)

The sermon is the \_\_\_\_\_, and the illustrations are the \_\_\_\_\_ that let the light in. Jesus, the master teacher, moved his audience from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### I. There Are Various Kinds of Illustrations:

1. Illustrations that \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Illustrations that \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Illustrations that \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. There Are Some Sermonic Dangers That Relate to Illustrations:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ sermon—One story upon another.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ sermon—It has all walls and no windows.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ sermon—It has walls but they are dull gray and the windows are dirty.

#### III. The Source and the Secret of Good Illustrations:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ahead.
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ constantly.
- A. Read for \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Read for \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Read for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Read \_\_\_\_\_ books for the heart.
  - Read \_\_\_\_\_ books for the mind.
  - Read \_\_\_\_\_ books for the will.
- D. Read for \_\_\_\_\_.

#### IV. Develop Your Creativity.

What is creativity?

- Turning eyes into \_\_\_\_\_, and ears into \_\_\_\_\_.
- Information and communication are not always the same. This is the danger of computer knowledge.
- God is the God of creation, and He is an artist. “Good architecture is not an arrangement of beautiful materials, but a beautiful arrangement of materials.”
- Learn to turn rock piles into \_\_\_\_\_.
- Use creativity in your preaching, and in your \_\_\_\_\_.

There is the “right brain—left brain” phenomenon.

- The right brain is the \_\_\_\_\_ part (musicians, poets, etc).
- The left brain is \_\_\_\_\_ (lawyers, architects, etc).

If you have right brain religion, it may be all heat.

If you have left brain religion, it may be all light.

Here are the ten steps to creativity:

1. Dare to be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Play with \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Use \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Look for needs that need \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Keep company with \_\_\_\_\_ people.

6. Believe in \_\_\_\_\_ .

7. Be on the lookout for the \_\_\_\_\_ .

8. Learn to love \_\_\_\_\_ .

9. Think and \_\_\_\_\_ .

10. Get acquainted with creative \_\_\_\_\_ and creative  
\_\_\_\_\_ .

