

TTT 398. "Your Voice Matters" Tips for new and inexperienced speakers. Part 3. 21 January 2025

Teaching Tip 398 | "Your Voice Matters" - Tips for new and inexperienced speakers. Part 3 - Love Scripture More Than Speaking. | Malcolm Cox

Introduction

Our first tip comes from my friend Roger Packham, a teacher and therapeutic counsellor. He and his wife have been instrumental in founding and developing the [Dorset Church of Christ](#).

Today's Tip

Roger says:

Have good quiet times: Take time to dig into a topic. Look at different translations (NIV/ESV/NASB recommended), be curious about words and language (<https://biblehub.com/interlinear/>) and read around a subject/topic. Lots of great lessons come from our quiet times and reaching towards a deeper relationship with God.

What Roger is getting at here is that our love of Scripture must be more important to us than our love of speaking. There's nothing wrong with enjoying speaking, but our love of Scripture must inspire it.

Scripture First

Start with Scripture: Begin by reading a passage slowly and prayerfully. Choose a topic or book that resonates with you or challenges you. Ask God to open your heart and mind to His Word.

My first lesson was based on this passage.

1 Corinthians 9.22

“To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.”

I chose this passage because I was struggling with reaching out to people. I had recently moved to London, a vast multicultural metropolis. I was overwhelmed by all the people who were so different from me. Studying this Scripture and allowing it to change me helped me speak about it authentically.

Pray for insight and transformation: Pray before you start your Bible study, and pray afterwards that God may settle into your heart the insights he wished to communicate to you. Ask him to use the Scriptures you've read that day to transform you more into the likeness of Christ.

Reflection

We cannot expect Scripture to transform our hearers before it has transformed us.

Question

How has a specific passage of Scripture recently challenged or transformed you in a way that you could share authentically with others?

Additional Scriptures

2 Timothy 3.16-17; Psalm 119.11, 105; James 1.22-25; John 15.7-8; Romans 12.2; Luke 24.32; 2 Chronicles 34. 19-21; Nehemiah 8.8-12; Hebrews 4.12.

Please add your comments on this week's topic. We learn best when we learn in community.

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Keep calm and carry on teaching.

God bless, Malcolm

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