

Sermon Outlines

Biblical Preaching

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Outline the Sermon

- **Benefits of an Outline**
 - **Unify:** It will help you see your sermon as a whole and see how the parts fit together
 - **Clarify:** Clarifies relationships between points (for the mind and eye). The order of ideas can crystallize to help you arrange in the right order
 - **Recognize:** Able to detect where the weak areas are that need more support or have too much information – places to add and delete information
- **Parts of an Outline**
 - Introduction
 - Capture attention
 - Raise a need
 - Body
 - The main points should be declarative sentences, not a question
 - Actions – answers questions, not creates them
 - Conclusion
 - The lasting impression and idea
- **Importance of Transitions**
 - “Effective transitions state or imply the logical or psychological connection between the introduction and the body” (Robinson, p. 135)

Key things to note about outlines:

3 Stages of the Sermon Outline

- 1. Passage outline**
- 2. Timeless outline**
- 3. Sermonic outline**

“your preaching naturally deteriorates, unless you consciously work on it”

Howard Hendriks