Making Your Point

Sharpening Your Communication Skills





Homiletics- The Art of Preaching

- Skillful Communication
 - ◆Painting a <u>picture</u> with words

Prov. 22:29 "Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men."

Homiletics

SKILL:

- 1. the ability to do something well arising from talent, **training**, or practice.
- 2. special competence in performance; expertness; dexterity.
- 3. a craft, trade, or job requiring manual dexterity or special training.

• WORKMANSHIP

- 2 Chron. 2:7 "So now send me an artisan skilled to work in gold, silver, bronze, and iron, and in purple, crimson, and blue fabrics, trained also in engraving, to join the skilled workers ... in Judah and Jerusalem.
- 8 Send me also cedar, cypress, and algum timber from Lebanon, for I know that your servants are **skilled** in cutting Lebanon timber."

• MUSIC

Ps. 33:3 ... "Sing to him a new song; play **skillfully**, and shout for joy."

2 Chron 34:12..."The Levites-all who were <u>skilled</u> in playing musical instruments..." ended here



LITERATURE

SKILL: "yatab" - to be; make well, lit. (sound), beautiful, use aright, benefit, be (make) better, seem best, make cheerful, be comely, be, make) good skilfully, make sweet, have well [said, seen].

Psalms 45:1 "My tongue is the pen of a <u>skillful</u> writer."

SPEECH

Heb 4:12 "Indeed, the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword."



SPEECH

- "Sharper than 2 edged sword"
 - Contrast of 2 words:
- "tomoteros" to cut; more decisive than "kopto" as if cutting by a single stroke; more keen:-- sharper.

"kopto" - implies repeated blows, like hacking;

- SPEECH
 - "How will you make your point?
 - Single stroke; razor sharp
 - -Incisive; gets to the point
 - Hacking with a dull axe
 - -Repeated blows

Ecc.10:10 "If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success."

SPEECH

- "Where will you make your "cut?"
 - 2 Tim 4:15 ... "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
 - "<u>orthotomeo</u>" to make a straight cut, to dissect (expound) correctly (the divine message) -- rightly divide.

SPEECH

- ◆ Is your talk "interesting?"
- Ecc. 12:10 "For the Preacher was not only a wise man but a good teacher; he not only taught what he knew to the people, but taught them in an interesting manner.
- 11 The wise man's words are like goads that spur to action. They nail down important truths. Students are wise who master what their teachers tell them."

SPEECH

- ◆ Are you "Building" your case?
- 1 Cor. 3:10 "According to the grace of God given to me, like a <u>skilled</u> master builder I laid a <u>foundation</u>, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it."