

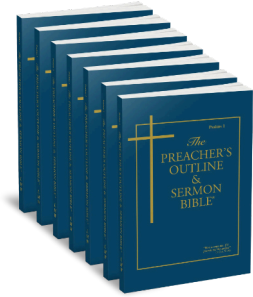


**7 STEPS TO BETTER
SERMON PREPARATION
WITH THE POSB**

WELCOME LETTER

We commend you for taking this crucial first step in preparing sermons that will resonate with and uplift your congregation. Whether you're a pastor, teacher, missionary, or layperson, the decision to deepen your understanding and effectiveness in delivering God's Word is a testament to your dedication and passion for guiding others.

The Preacher's Outline and Sermon Bible (POSB) is here to be your foundational resource in this journey. It offers a unique approach that outlines key ideas from each Scripture passage while providing in-depth commentary from a wealth of trusted sources. As you dive into this resource, we encourage you to start each session with prayer, seeking guidance and direction from the Lord on the message He desires you to deliver to His people.



This tool will help you connect the dots between Scripture and practical life application, empowering you to lead others in understanding and living out biblical principles. As you prepare, you'll find that the POSB guides your research and inspires you with fresh perspectives on familiar passages. We hope this resource will be a wellspring of encouragement and insight as you develop sermons that genuinely touch the hearts of those you serve.

May this journey be filled with spiritual growth, renewed passion, and a deeper connection with God's Word. Welcome aboard, and may your sermons be a beacon of hope and guidance for all who hear them!

Our Prayer for You

Heavenly Father, as we come before You to prepare Your message, we ask for Your wisdom and guidance. Lead our hearts to understand the truths You want us to share with Your people. Open our minds to see the depth of Your Word and guide our thoughts as we build each sermon. Help us speak with clarity, conviction, and compassion, always pointing back to Your love and truth. Help us to understand and dwell in the depth of Your great love for us as individuals, so that we may be filled and overflowing with love and patience for our congregation. May the words we prepare reflect Your heart, inspiring and guiding those who hear them to walk closer with You. We seek Your Spirit's presence at every step of this journey. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



The 7 Steps to Effective Sermon Preparation

There are seven key steps to an effective sermon preparation time with the POSB. Review each step carefully before you dive in.

- 1 Pray and Prepare**—Prayer is the first step in sermon preparation. Seeking guidance and direction from the Lord sets the tone for a message that aligns with His will. This practice helps ensure that the sermon is inspired by God's wisdom, focusing on the words He desires His people to hear.
- 2 Use the Outline Subject Index**—Utilizing the outline subject index provides a structured approach to accessing relevant Scripture and topics. This saves time and directs you to Scripture about specific themes, ensuring your research is organized and aligned with the message you will deliver.
- 3 Refer to the Scripture and Outline Overview**—It is crucial to start with the overview that includes the Scripture and outline side by side. This helps you see the big picture of the passage you are studying, guiding you through the major points and themes that form the foundation of your message.
- 4 Expand on Major Points with Commentary**—Delving into the expanded outline and commentary sections adds depth to the sermon content. This practice is essential because it provides detailed insights, background information, and connections to other biblical references, enriching the sermon with a broader understanding of the text.
- 5 Identify Key Thoughts and Supporting Scriptures**—Highlighting core thoughts and supporting scriptures from each passage is a significant best practice. It lays the groundwork for making the sermon relatable and applicable to the listeners' lives, encouraging practical steps for spiritual growth.
- 6 Incorporate Deeper Study Sections**—It is best practice to feature additional background research, charts, or diagrams in deeper study sections. This provides further context and visual aids that can clarify complex ideas, making the message more engaging and memorable for the audience.
- 7 Continually Pray and Reflect**—Continue to pray and reflect throughout the sermon preparation process. This practice is crucial because it keeps you attuned to the Lord's guidance, helping refine the message to be as effective, compelling, and faithful to God's Word as possible.

Agenda for Sermon Preparation

Opening Prayer and Preparation (10-15 minutes)

Begin by seeking guidance and direction from the Lord. Pray for clarity, wisdom, and the inspiration to align your message with God's will.

Utilize the Outline Subject Index (15-20 minutes)

Refer to the index to find relevant topics and scriptures. Organize your focus areas based on the theme or passage you plan to preach.

Review the Scripture and Outline Overview (20-30 minutes)

Study the overview that includes the Scripture and outline side by side. Note the major points and themes that will guide the overall structure of your sermon.

Expand on Major Points with Commentary (30-45 minutes)

Dive into the expanded outline and detailed commentary sections. Gather in-depth insights and contextual information that enrich your understanding of the Scripture.

Identify Key Thoughts and Supporting Scriptures (15-25 minutes)

Highlight key ideas and verses that will form the foundation of your message. Focus on how your listeners can apply these ideas to their lives.

Incorporate Deeper Study Sections (20-30 minutes)

Explore the deeper study sections for additional research, charts, and visual aids. Use these resources to add clarity and depth to your sermon points.

Continual Prayer and Reflection (10-15 minutes)

Pause to pray and reflect on your sermon outline. Ask for further guidance to refine your message, making it clear, compelling, and faithful to God's Word.

Review and Finalize Sermon Outline (15-20 minutes)

Review all sections and ensure that your sermon flows logically. Make any necessary adjustments to improve clarity and impact.

Closing Prayer (5-10 minutes)

End with a prayer asking for God's blessing on your message and its delivery. Pray that your words will inspire, uplift, and lead your audience closer to Him.

This agenda provides a structured plan that guides you through each step of sermon preparation, ensuring that your message is well-researched, spiritually grounded, and impactful.

Join the Mission

The Need

- 95% of pastors worldwide lack adequate training and resources.
- Most global pastors have little to no Bible training or study materials in their language.
- They need tools that empower them to teach and lead confidently.

The Mission

Leadership Ministries Worldwide (LMW) exists to bridge this gap by equipping pastors, teachers, and leaders with the tools they need to effectively teach and preach the Gospel.

Our Solution

The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible (POSB):

The POSB is more than just a Bible—it's a comprehensive resource that outlines each verse and provides practical ways to teach and understand Scripture.

It offers these pastors the confidence and content they need to deliver gospel-centered sermons that resonate with their congregations.

Expanding Global Reach Through Language and Technology (20 languages and growing):

We translate and distribute resources globally, both in print and through digital platforms like the LMW App.

Partnering with platforms like WeDevote in China ensures pastors worldwide have access to these vital tools.



Our Impact

4.7 million+

Leaders equipped in over
177 countries.

11.2 million+

Resources distributed
worldwide.

Digital Presence

Established a digital
presence on leading Bible
commentary platforms to
reach even more pastors.

How You Can Help

With your support, we can continue to break down barriers and provide pastors around the globe with the tools they need to inspire and guide their communities in faith.



Give

Your contributions enable these life-changing resources' translation, production, and distribution. A single donation has the power to impact entire congregations and future generations. lmw.org/give



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Help us form new partnerships with ministries, churches, and missionaries to expand our reach further. info@lmw.org



Pray

Join us in praying for the pastors and leaders who receive these resources to be strengthened in their calling to lead.

Learn More and Get Involved

Visit us at lmw.org or call 1.800.987.8790 to discover how you can be a part of this life-changing mission.

