

**Preparing to Teach and Preach**  
**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**Introduction:** Today we will review some of our previous studies as we focus on how to prepare to teach and preach.

**I. Pray Psalm 119:18, 34...**

**II. Read and Reread the Text in Different Translations.**

**A. I understand that G. Campbell Morgan would read a book in which a text was found 50 times in a sitting before he would consult commentaries...**

**B. The best commentary on the Bible is the Bible...**

**C. Some of the best illustrations are in the Bible...**

**D. As you read and reread a text and the immediate context, ask questions and look for answers:**

**1. Reasons, requirements, results...**

**2. Meanings, motives, methods...**

**3. Causes, consequences, cures...**

**a. In Jonah 1 and in other places in the Bible, I looked for consequences of disobedience to God...**

**b. In Jonah 2, I looked for reasons God answered Jonah's prayer.**

**c. In Jonah 2, I cross reference scriptures that Jonah prayed...**

**d. In Jonah 2, I have been looking for attributes of God put on display...**

**E. Do a word study, and pay close attention to the tenses of Greek verbs...**

**1. A present tense Greek verb means continuous action in the present – a way of life, a lifestyle (Ephesians 5:18).**

**2. An imperfect tense Greek verb means continuous action in the past (John 1:1-2).**

**3. A perfect tense Greek verb means a past completed action with continuous results (John 5:24)...**

**4. An aorist tense Greek verb means a once-for-all action (Ephesians 6:11)...**

**a. See Bible Hub for assistance with Greek verbs.**

**b. Also see Bible Hub for cross references...**

**III. Practice Stillness, Silence, and Solitude:**

**A. Moses was on Mount Sinai for six days before God spoke to him on the seventh day (Exodus 24:15-16)...**

**B. God spoke to Elijah in the still small voice when there was stillness, silence, and solitude (1 Kings 19:11-13).**

**C. After an intense day of ministry, Jesus rose up a great while before day and went out to a solitary place to pray (Mark 1:35)...**

**IV. Some Recommended Resources...**

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