

Illustrations Observations
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Introduction: Today I want to talk to you about illustrations.

I. Sources of Illustrations:

A. The Bible is my main source of illustrations:

- 1. God will always bless His Word (Isaiah 55:10-11; Jeremiah 1:12, L. S. B; Jonah 3:1-10).**
- 2. Observe some of Matthew's references to Old Testament Scriptures (Matthew 1:22-23; 2:1-23; 3:1-3; 8:16-17; 21:4-5)...**
- 3. Observed some of Paul's references to Old Testament Scriptures in Romans: (Romans 1:17; cf. Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 2:24; cf. Isaiah 52:5; Ezekiel 36:21-23; Romans 3:10-20; cf. Psalm 5:9; 10:7; 14:1-3; 36:1; Isaiah 59:7-8; Romans 4:7-8, 16-23; cf. Genesis 17:5; Psalm 32:1-2), etc.**

B. History is a source of illustrations.

C. Current events in the daily news are a source of illustrations.

D. Life experiences is another source of illustrations:

- 1. The loss of a job in Memphis Tennessee in February 1960 resulted in me moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin is an illustration of Romans 8:28...**
- 2. One of my best illustrations of the sovereignty of God involves a fire that occurred after a Sovereign Grace Conference in Lexington, Kentucky August 1991...**
- 3. One of my best illustrations of the Providence of God involved a stranger on the corner of Third and Center Street in Milwaukee in the 1970s...**
- 4. Look for God in everything, and look for illustrations in everything.**

II. Filing Illustrations:

A. File illustrations in a notebook, computer, or phone – someplace where your illustrations will be easy to find.

B. File illustrations by subject: Faith, Love, Patience, Perseverance, Etc.

III. Avoid Illustrations That Will Insult or Hurt Others.

A. Get permission to use illustrations that involve others and may not be comfortable for them...

B. I have permission to use illustrations that involve members of the congregation.

- IV. Look for Confirmation and Illustrations from Different Speakers:**
- A. Tony Evans provides good examples of illustrations and applications.**
 - B. David Jeremiah provides good examples of alliterations, illustrations, applications, and confirmation.**
 - C. John MacArthur provides good examples of explanations and interpretations.**

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