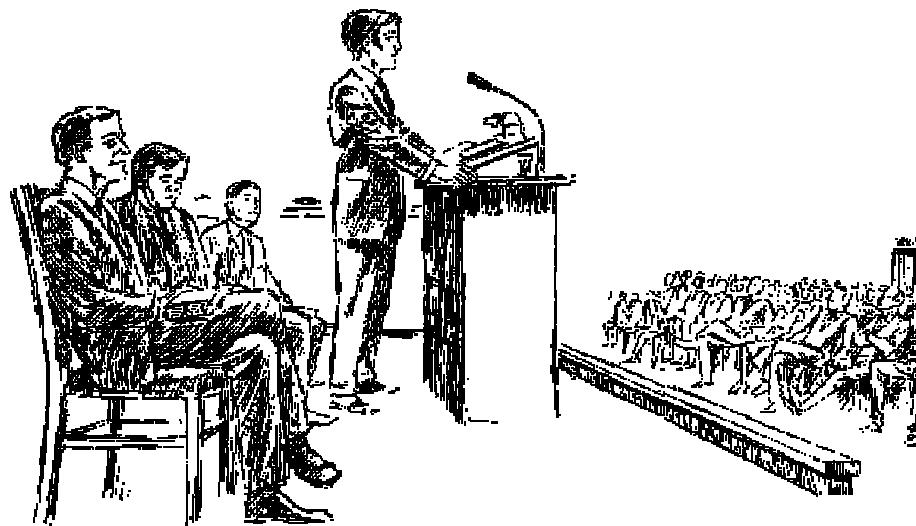


Worship Leadership: Striving for Excellence



*O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD,
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
For the LORD is a great God And a great King above all gods,
In whose hand are the depths of the earth,
The peaks of the mountains are His also.
The sea is His, for it was He who made it,
And His hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
Today, if you would hear His voice,*

(Ps 95:1-7)

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Note: This material is not all original to me. Various portions of it have come from notes I have taken at various worship classes, seminars, schools, books, and feedback from various leaders through the years.

Introduction

I. Is Preparation Important? Why?

- A. James 3:1 - "Let not many of you be teachers as teachers will incur a more strict judgment..."
Preparation, training, are education are indispensable
- B. 2 Cor. 4:7 - We are entrusted with the Gospel in earthen vessels
- C. 1 Cor 14 - Worship should be edifying
 - 1. Worship leaders have an impact on whether worship is edifying
 - 2. The care, attention, and preparation have an impact

II. Is leadership important?

- A. Leadership is important in all group endeavors, and the church is no exception
- B. Jesus spent 3 years training leaders, who would train others
- C. The letters to Timothy and Titus deal much with leadership
- D. (Josh. 24:31) The faithfulness of the Israelites during the days of Joshua was partially due to the leaders

III. This class will deal with Worship Leadership.

- A. Purposes for this class:
 - 1. Encourage men to become more active in leadership
 - 2. Increase understanding of the nature and conduct of worship
 - 3. Increase skill and knowledge in planning and leading in public worship
- B. Method of instruction
 - 1. Class lecture and discussion
 - 2. Homework
 - 3. Hands on practice