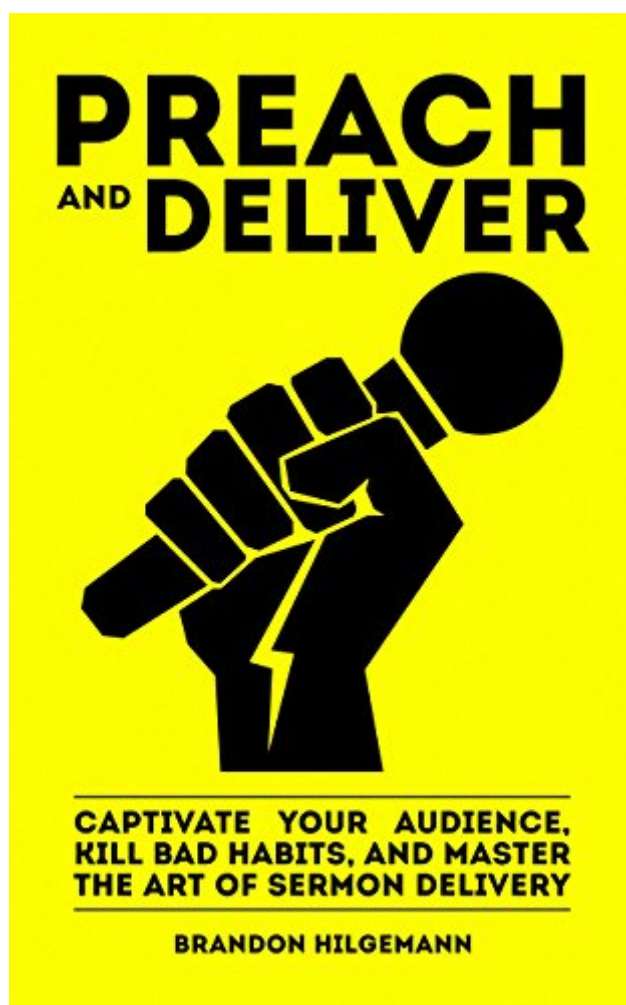


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# Preach And Deliver: Captivate Your Audience, Kill Bad Habits, And Master The Art Of Sermon Delivery



## Synopsis

"The general history of the world surely demonstrates quite plainly that the men who truly made history have been men who could speak, who could deliver a message, and who could get people to act as the result of the effect they produced upon them." — Martyn Lloyd-Jones

I stood in terror in a musty youth room of an old church. Seventeen teenagers stared at me with blank expressions. It was Wednesday night. I was a freshman in Bible college, invited to preach for a local youth pastor who was out of town. I wouldn't doubt it if I was his last option after asking everyone else he could. There I stood. All eyes on me. Sweat pouring from my forehead. My hands shook. My knees knocked. And my voice trembled as I read my sermon word-for-word from my notes. My eyes never left the page. With white knuckles, my right hand gripped the microphone. My left hand held my manuscript as if it were my only hope of survival. My feet might as well have been cemented to the floor because they never moved. I could not have preached worse. The message was OK, but the delivery was painful. Preaching is both what you say, and how you say it. We often know the what but neglect the how. My first sermon sure did. If you are like most pastors, you've spent years of your life learning the content for your sermon. You took classes on theology, Biblical interpretation, church history, and maybe even Greek or Hebrew. You know your Bible. We have the what. But here's the problem: Most preaching fails not for lack of content, but deficient delivery. If you preach biblically-based sermons, you have the content. You know the what but haven't mastered the how. No matter how good your message, if your delivery is poor, your audience won't receive the message. Even a great message with poor delivery will result in a bored, or distracted audience. Communication is a two-way street. We must remove all roadblocks from your audience receiving the message. To do that, we need to go back to the basics of sermon delivery. What are the essential components of good sermon delivery? This book will answer this question and more by teaching you the most important elements of sermon delivery. In my years of education on a bachelors and masters level from great Christian institutions, I learned the message of the Bible. But I didn't learn how to deliver that message. It took me a decade of failure, learning from great preachers, and years of research to learn what I have written in this book for you. My prayer is that this book helps you to think through the way you deliver a sermon—the nuances of body language, eye contact, gestures, and more—so that you can preach the gospel in a powerful way that grips the hearts and minds of your audience. This book will help you learn about the basics of sermon delivery, but reading alone will not make you better. That's why at the end of every section, I have included an action step. Think of it as a challenge to apply what you learned in the chapter. Charles Spurgeon, the "Prince of Preachers," taught his students: "Get a friend

to tell you your faultsâ |. Correct yourself diligently and frequently, or you will fall into errors unawares, false tones will grow, and slovenly habits will form insensibly; therefore criticize yourself with unceasing care.â œ This book will help you identify your faults and help you become a better preacher. So I will ask you to commit to three things if you want to grow as a preacher. First, commit this next season of your life to a healthy relationship with Christ. Second, commit to taking action on what you learn by doing the action step at the end of each chapter. And third, commit to evaluating your sermons. If you do, I guarantee that your sermon delivery will improve. Are you in? If so, get the book and take your first step today. Make this small investment in your preaching, and I guarantee you will see a big return.

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I enjoyed this book a great deal. As someone who has preached multiple times a week for many years, I still found a lot of value in the advice and action steps given in Preach and Deliver. Nothing here is groundbreaking, but I believe this book's practical approach would benefit preachers of any

age or experience level. Also check out Preaching Nuts & Bolts by the same author for great tips on sermon prep. The books go hand in hand.

The information provided in this book is extremely helpful for the preacher today. I have spent much time in homiletics classes and read many books on the subject; however, this book brings all of the same material to a concise, well organized, easy to read format. This book along with "The Nuts and Bolts of Preaching" will always be in the front of my library for quick and regular reference. Thank you brother Hilgemann for the resources.

GREAT

Great points mentioned and definitely a great helper for preachers. Must read if you're a preacher, there's always room to grow and improvise.

Clear concise and to the point! The book can and will be very helpful to all preachers that seriously want to improve.

Great book!

It's a good book. Covers topics we as preacher don't think about. The author is very transparent. If you've read his first book you need this one.

Rock solid! I would highly recommend this book for anyone who is called to bring the message of Hope - bringing out of darkness into His marvelous light! It is written in a way that feels like you are having a talk with a friend who wants to see you strengthen all areas, not just only select ones. The put it in use section is really a great way to move from learning it to doing it. It is a good refresher for seasoned speakers of Truth and a great primer for ones that are just stepping into the water for the first time. Thanks for this and for saying "yes" to Jesus!

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