

Speech Pattern

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.” (2nd Timothy 4:2)

Well known that “your language is your education.” And your language is your background, your legacy, your resources and from where you speak. Any previous experience or study will influence the type of words that you may utter. And during the process of learning the words that pick up from any resources will 1st jump to your conscious state before it sent to the mouth if you are willing to speak. And with time and practice the repeated chosen words will perpetuate into the subconscious state where they will be ready to use again in the right situation even if you are not aware about them in a reflex unconditional manner, the same to what happen in car driving.

From where we should learn and educate our-selves in order to obtain a sound speech? Quiet godly from the Holy Scriptures we should pick our vocabularies. ***“For All the scriptures is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” (2Timothy 3:16)*** And the younger you are and the earlier you start, the more perfect you become and the easier you learn.

The scripture we chose is part of Paul’s letter to his disciple Timothy. A letter from an old weary but wise man who was chained in Christ, to a young son whom he had laid his hand on in the past. Paul in recalling with affection his mission days with Timothy, and on remembering the farewell tears and the longing to see him again he wrote him and hand him this charge:

Preach the word, the fundamental task with higher importance to those who don’t know the truth, as well to nurture our family Church members starting from our children, youths, men and women up to the highest level. And to speak with boldness, without fear, without quarrels or empty arguments, and not ashamed of the truth, and avoid pleasing the itchy ears from what they desire to hear, from false un-promised teaching.

Preaching, teaching and exhorting not only in an appointed times of the sermons, bible studies or in programmed evangelical visitations but we should be ready to speak with precise words in our mouth, *‘be prepared in season and out of season,’* on 24 hours call bases. The need to speak may come to the surface when we are in our offices in a corner of supermarket, in the elevator, waiting to pay the electric bill or while we are taking a seat in taxi or bus. A bible hidden in our hands should always be a habit in carrying it wherever we are. And we should know how to minister to specific categories: the widows, the divorced, the sick, the oppressed, the sinners, the pagans and the idolaters. And we should know the locations and the passages in the Bible to show a man or woman his or her marital duties, the parents their duties to the children, the master what to offer to his servants, the servant how to deal with his master, and to the hatred heart how to love his enemy. The verse that we chose outlined to preach the word or to speak in three main patterns:

1) Correct: Directed to those who carry wrong ideas or doctrines in their minds but are un-aware about it. More or less deceived and un-guilty of their sins for the good intention they may carry but are unfamiliar with the full Law of Christ. And those we can find inside and outside the church need to be advised to that particular issue.

2) Rebuke: Discipline with a loving heart directed to the sinners who are fully conscious to the shame they are contributing. A precise rebuke especially to those inside our church, in whom we are one family, will effectively restore them.

3) Encourage: Directed to the bottom level, weak spirit and afflicted categories from the poor, the lame, the meek, the burdened, the labourers and the down trodden. Encouragement will effectively restore them morally. And this pattern of speech has greatest impact on those who are backslidden.

And for the above patterns of speech we add two more auxiliary means,

1st Great patience: 1st with ourselves to build up with the aid of dedicated study the required Biblical knowledge and the skills to preach, and with the backing of the Holy Spirit anointing. And patience needed with those whom we speak for they may oppose, reject or hate us. And great patience needed to control ourselves not to speak in certain situation when we baffled by frank wickedness or flourish foolishness. And ***“Do not give dogs what is sacred; they may trample them under their feet, and the turn and tear you to pieces.” (Matthew 7:6)***

2nd Careful instructions: Which need precise recognition to the type of categories that we may meet, and the main problem they have, and whether there is need to speak, in order to shoot them the word that may hunt and repair the defect. For example to an active worker whom he faces failure out of his hand he need encouragement rather than rebuke otherwise he will be daunted, for “It is wise not to flog a tired horse.” And to sinner a rebuke and not encouragement or he will go far into his sins. And every case on its merit, and every person to be addressed to his title with careful instruction, and in most of the time we need the combination of the three patterns but in a specific order and a calibrated dose.

My Dear and Beloved: Not enough the small space we have to elaborate on this small but great verse. And not enough to think that weary Paul alone the one wrote it, but indeed a few jewels came out of the mouth of God to bless his people with a group of emerald, sapphire, jasper, topaz.....connected by the cheep gold forming a necklace hewn by God, with it we may adorn our minds, hearts, lips and tongues. We will get all if we commit ourselves to Him and agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give eternal life. Lord guide me with your grace and help me and support me with the truth and anoint my lips that always I will be ready and clean vessel in your hands, O Lord use me for your kingdom and for your name to be glorified in the life of the people around me, Lord use me as channel of your blessings to them, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.*