

KINGDOM PERSUADERS

If you are convinced about what you believe and fervently wish others to benefit by it, you will want to be a powerful persuader. Here are a few points, that, as you ponder on them and practice them, will you to become a powerful persuader.

- 1. Have a worthwhile subject of eternal value -- Acts 19: 8 " *And he went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.*"
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- 2. Passionate conviction Acts 18: 24, 28

Ac 18:4 "And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks."

2Co 5:11 "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

If we have lost our passion through disappointment, we need to have it revived.

- 3. Have a thorough knowledge of the subject 2 Tim 2: 15
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- 4. Is it Relevant to the audience? 1 Cor. 1: 22
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- 5. Gain knowledge on how the hearer or the audience thinks.
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- 6. Credibility of the messenger - *your character underlies all your words.*
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- 7. An outline of sound godly words -- 2 Tim. 1: 13

1 Corinthians 2: 4 "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

- 8. Not a contentious manner -- 1 Tim 6: 4; 2 Tim 2: 14
- 9. Is it a one to one session or a lecture?
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- 10. A planned approach - *I often lay awake at night pondering and praying about how I can influence someone for good.*
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- 11. How much can be shared at one sitting. Pr 25:15 "By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks the bone."
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- 12. Powerful illustrations or stories.
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- 13. Audience is the violin, you're the bow that plays them.
- 14. Think about how you stand and make contact -- voice, eye, body distance, gestures etc.

Have a group who can criticize you constructively.

- 15. Allow for your authentic personality.

It is not only in a pulpit, but persuading many individuals:

E.g. to stop a suicide; to get a friend off the road to disaster; to get them return to church; to save some from a potentially bad marriage; to have a devotional life etc., etc.

God needs and people need powerful, passionate persuaders. Persuading people concerning the Kingdom of God. If we didn't have powerful persuaders passing the message down through the ages we wouldn't have the gospel of Jesus blessing us today.

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