

No. 5 “Continue Applying Yourself . . . to Teaching”

Note to the speaker:

Talk with videos. Encourage the brothers to put their heart into their teaching

YOU ARE TEACHERS! (3 min.)

Shortly after Jesus was resurrected, he commanded his followers to be teachers (Mt 28:19, 20)

Later, the apostle Paul urged the Christian elder Timothy to ‘continue applying himself to his teaching’ (1Ti 4:13-15)

As elders, you have the opportunity to nourish the faith of your brothers and strengthen the congregations through your teaching

In June 2014, the Teaching Committee presented a seminar for brothers at Bethel who serve as branch representatives at circuit assemblies

The program helped these speakers to reevaluate the effectiveness of their teaching

The Governing Body wishes to share this practical information with all elders

It will be presented in a series of four videos: (1) “How to Attack an Outline,” (2) “Were Not Our Hearts Burning?,” (3) “Be Aglow With the Spirit,” and (4) “Practice! Practice! Practice! —And Do So Out Loud!”

Each speaker is a helper to the Teaching Committee

The principles they present will be helpful as you prepare and deliver talks

These excellent reminders will focus on ways all of us can continue to apply ourselves to teaching

Please take notes and seek to apply these helpful suggestions right away

<<**PLAY VIDEOS IN SUCCESSION (45 min.)**>>

ENCOURAGE AND MOTIVATE (6 min.)

Our brothers are under great pressure from the world, and they may get discouraged (Pr 24:10)

They should find the meetings to be a place of refuge and encouragement (Heb 10:25)

To that end, your talks should motivate and inspire others to love Jehovah (Mt 22:37)

Help your listeners to draw hope and strength from Jehovah and his provisions (Job 16:5; Ro 15:13)

The congregation deserves more than a lackluster delivery

Your talks should stimulate the brothers to share fully in the field ministry and other Kingdom-related activities

Even when you are tired, if you have prepared well and meditated on the practical value of your material, Jehovah’s holy spirit will energize you (Isa 40:28, 29)

The Governing Body wishes to express deep appreciation for your fine efforts to teach and to encourage the congregation by means of your talks

Use research tools available to you, such as *Watchtower Library*, *Watchtower ONLINE LIBRARY*, the *Research Guide*, and the *Index*

Love the truths you convey, and love the people you teach

As you make a diligent effort in preparing “delightful words” and “accurate words of truth,” you will be more effective in motivating others in their service to Jehovah (Ec 12:9, 10)

[Introduce the next part on the program]