

**No. 23 Symposium: “Continue Applying Yourself . . . to Teaching”
—Practice! Practice! Practice!—And Do So Out Loud!**

Note to the speaker:

Talk with audience participation and video

VIDEO PRESENTATION (23 min.)

Let’s now give our attention to the final part of our video presentation. This video emphasizes the final necessary step in preparation for good teaching—rehearsing your talks in advance

<<**PLAY VIDEO [11 min. 28 sec.]**>>

[Use the following questions to discuss the video. As time permits, elaborate on additional points from the video]

Questions:

1. **[Read Ecclesiastes 12:10, 11]** How can our teaching be like that of “oxgoats”? [When we teach effectively, we lovingly move our listeners in the right direction]
2. What does good preparation require? [Practice! Practice! Practice! And do so out loud! This can help us to improve in what we say and how we say it. Clear speech is no accident. We need to vocalize the words we will use]
3. Why should you be well prepared before you give a talk the first time? [Those in the audience have made sacrifices to be present; they deserve your best]
4. Why is it beneficial to listen to a recording of yourself teaching?
5. Before delivering your talk, what questions should you ask yourself? (*be* 54 ¶4)

IN SUMMARY (2 min.)

Our well-prepared and rehearsed teaching can be like oxgoats, moving our listeners in the right direction

Practice is essential to good delivery

Take time to record and listen to yourself teaching; make necessary adjustments

Review pertinent information in the *Ministry School* book during your talk preparation with a view to improving the final product

[Make brief reference to *Reminders for Those Assigned Public Talks* (S-141)]

ENCOURAGE AND MOTIVATE (4 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 others draw hope and strength from Jehovah and his provisions (Job 16:5; Ro 15:13)

Present more than a lackluster delivery

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

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

Go on helping the brothers reflect on God’s positive words of truth so that they will continue to manifest “fine works” (Tit 3:8; Php 4:8)

[Announce the break]