

Preachers Study.

Because the message entrusted to you is of such paramount importance you will have to labour & study with all diligence, sparing no pains to become skilled in your craft, so that you may be worthy to declare the treasure it contains.

It is essential that as we know the truth of Christ we should learn ^{how} to set it forth convincingly for others.

When you have been preaching for twenty years you will realise how tremendously much there is to learn.

"Your days of learning will never be past - but there is no vocation in the world which has such rewards to offer of deep and satisfying joy."

It is right that the vast-difficulties

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of the task should humble you
It is wrong that it should paralyze you
for when you sit down to prepare
your sermon you have vital resources
behind you.

All your experience of God
all your acquaintance with life
all your knowledge of men
all your fellowship with great-
minds of the past will come
to your aid

Never allow yourself to become
aloof and out-of-touch with
the realities of other men's lives

an ambassador of Christ; more than
anyone else should be alert and
sensitive to ~~the~~ man's difficulties,
aspirations, conflicts, and
bafflements. You cannot afford
to ^{be} unaware of their strains &
strains and insecurities, their
~~strains & defects~~, their heroisms
and their tragic defeats. It was

because Christ was so aware of these things that His word was always "Life and Health and Peace."

Your task demands and deserves
strenuous hard work. Sweat of brain
and discipline of soul.

Such toil and care can
never be wasted, for under God
you desire your sermon to ~~have~~
~~a~~ influence ~~on~~ and make a
difference to human lives and lead
them ~~to~~ more thoroughly ^{to} surrender to the
sovereignty of Christ.