

Garlock, JohnKeys To Better Preaching

3. Introduction

John Garlock introduces his manual on preaching and teaching. He explains why he wrote it, what makes it different from other books on the subject, and the conviction behind it: preaching is how ministers reach the most people, and good technique gives the Holy Spirit better tools to work with.

Key takeaways

- The book aims to be practical, not theoretical, and covers the neglected details of delivery — voice, eyes, and body.
- It rejects any single 'perfect formula'; there is wide room for variation in style and method.
- Most people come to Christ through effective public preaching, and believers' spiritual health depends on the quality of teaching they hear.
- Technique alone is never enough — without the Holy Spirit's anointing, effort is in vain — but 'well-sharpened tools give Him better opportunities to use us.'