

Launch Your Speaking Ministry



I am a work in progress! I am constantly learning and growing. I believe God has called me to encourage others via my speaking and writing ministry. Each day I strive to reach a higher level of excellence. If you are reading this, you may have felt a tug in your heart to encourage others through public speaking but don't know where to begin. Although I may not have all the answers, I pray the following will help you get started on your speaking ministry journey.

I have set the following steps per month, but please feel free to adjust and work on these as needed (with the exception of January's which should be done every day of the year):

January: Spend time with God in prayer and Bible study. Drawing closer to God will allow Him to reveal a vision for your ministry. You will begin to be inspired with creative ideas and direction for your speaking ministry. Keep a journal of these thoughts.

February: Get some training. Search your local area and the web for tutorials/classes on public speaking and how to create presentations.

March: Begin to create your presentations. What is your passion? What would you like to share with others?

April: Get your website up and running as well as a newsletter! You can also setup a blog for free (ex., www.wordpress.com). Be sure to let others know of your topics, a little bit about yourself, your mission, etc. Add a professional picture of yourself.

May: Begin speaking! Share with your local church your desire to begin a speaking ministry and ask for opportunities to do your presentations. You may video/audio record your presentation(s) to post on your website/blog. Prayerfully review other's suggestions and constructive criticism on your presentations and ask God to help you have a humble and learning heart.

June: Continue to polish your presentations as well as your public speaking skills.

July: As you build confidence and strengthen your public speaking skills, ask God to open doors for you to speak at other events such as women's conferences, camp-meetings, etc. Prayerfully send out a postcard/email to leaders at other churches, conferences, etc., and let them know about your speaking ministry.

August: Pray about writing a book. This book should align with your passion and speaking message. Obtain writing skills through local writing classes/online tutorials. Consider self-publishing or going through a publishing company.

September - November: Ask God for wisdom as you continue to grow and learn in the areas of public speaking and writing. Obtain more speaking engagements.

December: Evaluate your speaking journey this past year. What areas is God directing you to work on? Expect great things in the New Year!

Some Bible Verses for Public Speakers

Colossians 4:6 ESV

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Jeremiah 1:4-10 ESV

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord." ...

Luke 12:11-12 ESV

And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

1 Corinthians 14:9 ESV

So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air.

Exodus 4:11 ESV

Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"

