

RELIGIOUS SUPPORT HOMILETICS SMARTBOOK C-4

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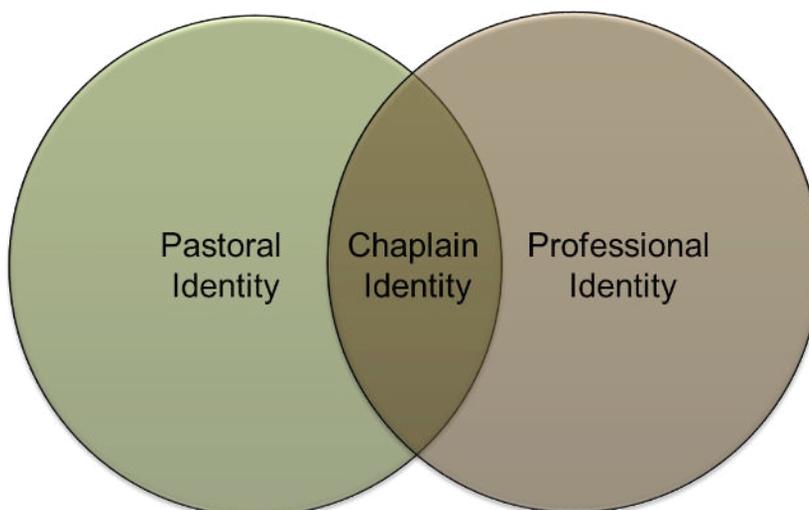
Calling: Where God's Purposes meet Your Passion

“The man who is called by God is a man who realizes what he is called to do, and he so realizes the awefulness of the task that he shrinks from it. Nothing but this overwhelming sense of being called, and of compulsion, should ever lead anyone to preach...The only man who is called to preach is the man who cannot do anything else.”

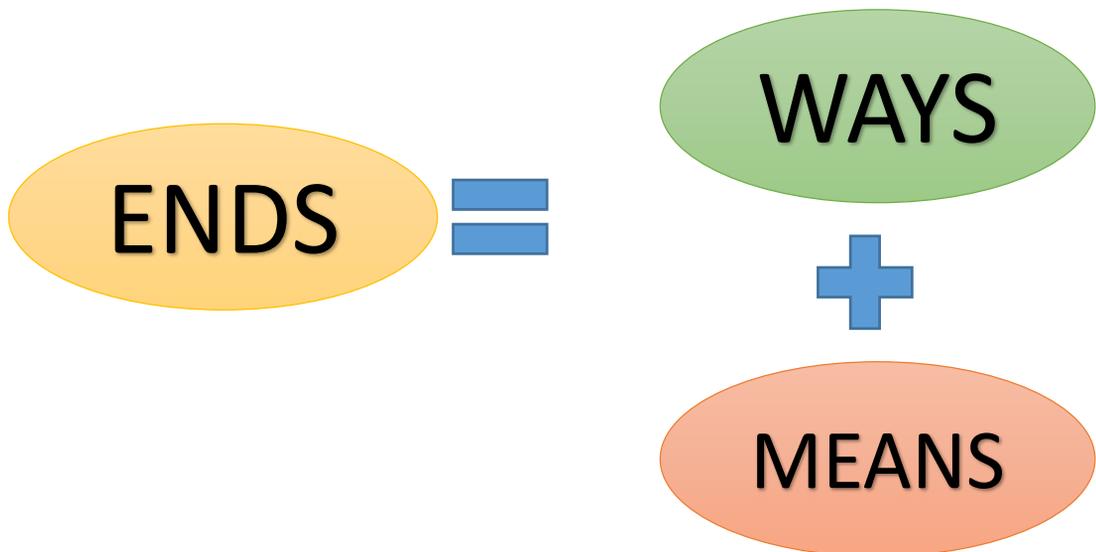
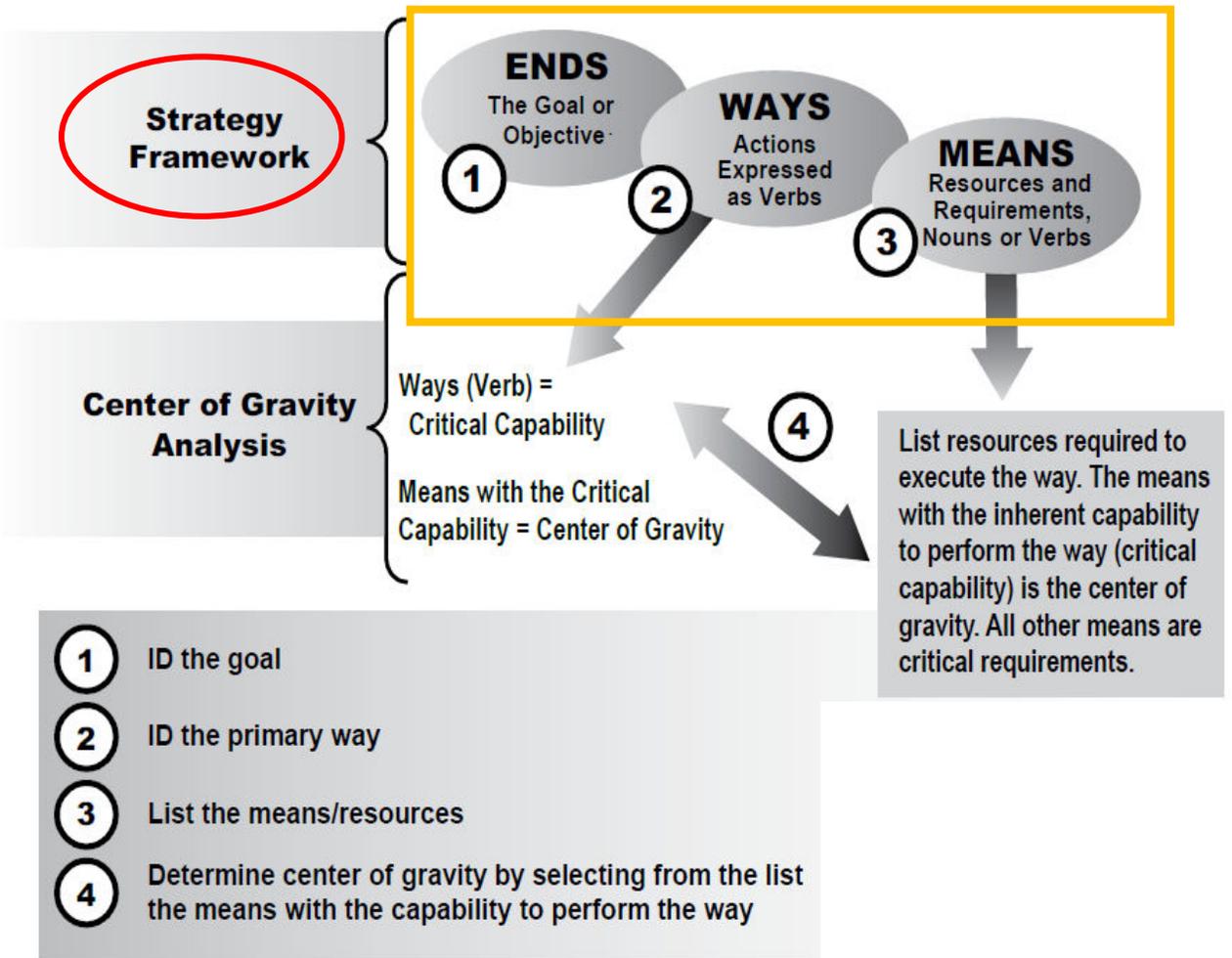
--D. Martyn Lloyd Jones

“The place God calls you is where your deep gladness and the worlds deep hunger meet.” --Fredrick Buechner

CHAPLAIN IDENTITY



Find your *Identity* as a Sacred Communicator (Preacher)!



ENDS

What is the end state of your preaching?

What outcome do you expect?

WHY DO YOU PREACH?

WAYS

What methods, tactics, and procedures, practices, and strategies to achieve our endstate?

What are the elements of a GOOD sermon?

MEANS

Means are defined as the resources required to achieve the ends, such as troops, weapons systems, money, political will, and time.

What resources will be required to achieve the ends?

Where are you preaching? Chapel, Field, or Deployed?

How much time do you have to prepare and preach?

COACHING TOOL

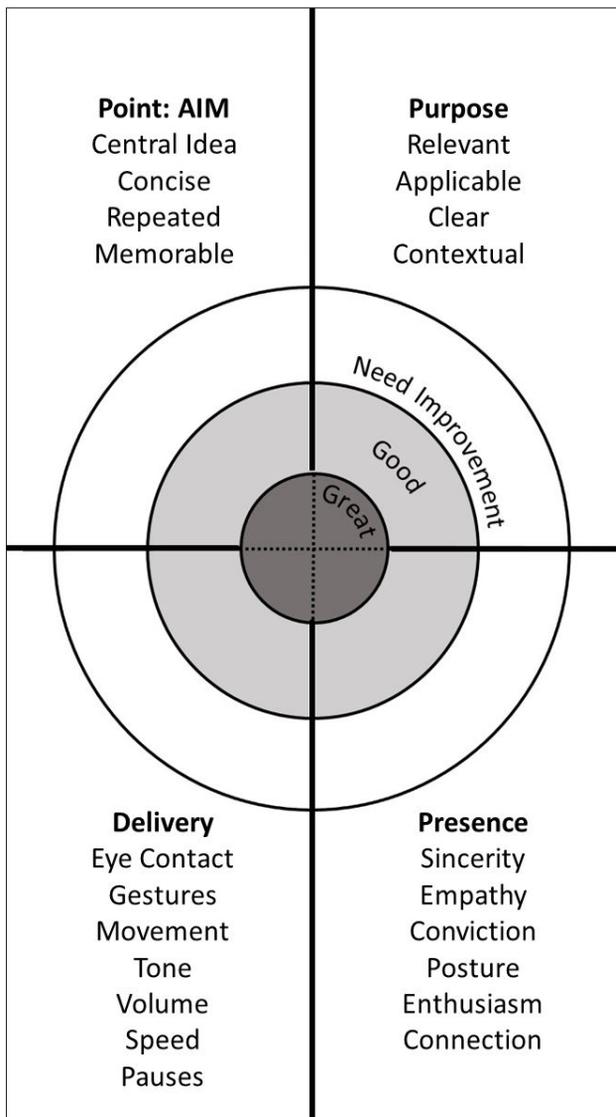
ON TARGET COACHING

Speaker: _____ Presentation Type: _____

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

What is the **AIM** (*Accurate Insightful Message*)? _____

What is the **Application?** (*Be, Know Do*) _____



Message Notes

Accuracy Sustains

Sight Adjustments

See Reverse Side For Instructions

Sacred Communication Coaching

Coaching Checklist

#1 COUNSEL your Chaplains

#2 Build RELATIONSHIPS

#3 Use On Target Coaching Form/App

#4 Allow Chaplain to self evaluate

#5 Coaching Session

Coaching

Ask: What do you think you did well during your presentation?

Affirm & Offer: Affirm what they said went well if able and then offer what you thought went well.

Ask: If you could present this again, what would you do differently?

Affirm and Offer: Affirm what they said if able and then offer ONLY 1 or 2 items which would improve their presentation.

Always offer encouragement for future performance!



Pointers for Preaching Teams

Team

Be a team in reality and not just in name.

Pray for each other, support each other, spend time with each other. Just because a handful of people take turns in the pulpit does not mean you have a preaching team.

Spiritual Growth

Play a key role in each other's spiritual growth

If your collective goal is to preach the gospel to others and see people grow closer to Jesus, then make that the DNA of your team – that you care about each other's growth and look for ways to promote it. *Your ENDS!!*

Share

Share your resources

Between a handful of preachers you will probably have access to a decent number of commentaries and reference tools, as well as to creativity and the shared capacity to implement creative ideas.

Preview & Review

Preview and review together

Previewing together helps identify blind spots in a message, and it helps to overcome the mental log jam that can occur. Reviewing together helps to improve every preacher after every message. The preaching is stronger as a result.

HONORING THE DEAD

Memorial Ceremony

Command's responsibility; patriotic in nature, attendance may or may not be mandatory

Memorial Service

Sensitive to Service Members faith; attendance is voluntary

Military Funeral

Chapel Service followed by movement to grave

-or-

Graveside Service only

CRAFTING FUNERAL/MEMORIAL EVENT MESSAGES

What we say and how we say it during the memorial matters greatly.

Remember, that the situational context matters.

Your message does not have to be original but it must be personal. Use the resources below as a guide to help you to formulate personal messages that reach those in attendance.

RESOURCES

*ATP 1-05.02

*Chaplain Corps Digital Reference

Religious Support Funerals and Memorial Services

*Honor the Dead: A Chaplain's Guide

*Dignity With Brevity Model