

How to Prepare a Talk

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Sacrament meetings, zone conferences, General Conference - most meetings of the Church involve speaking assignments. As a missionary you'll be asked to give countless talks. Sometimes you'll have plenty of time to prepare and sometimes you'll have no warning at all. Practice the steps below and you'll never feel unprepared again.



Indispensable Warning

No amount of preparation can make up for a lack of the Spirit. Always make sure you are living worthy of the promptings of the Holy Ghost.

Indispensable Things

- A testimony
- Life experiences
- A set of scriptures

Preparation

Whether you have 10 minutes or 10 days - use the time you have to properly prepare.



Topic

Use the topic you are assigned. If you can pick your topic stick to the basics:

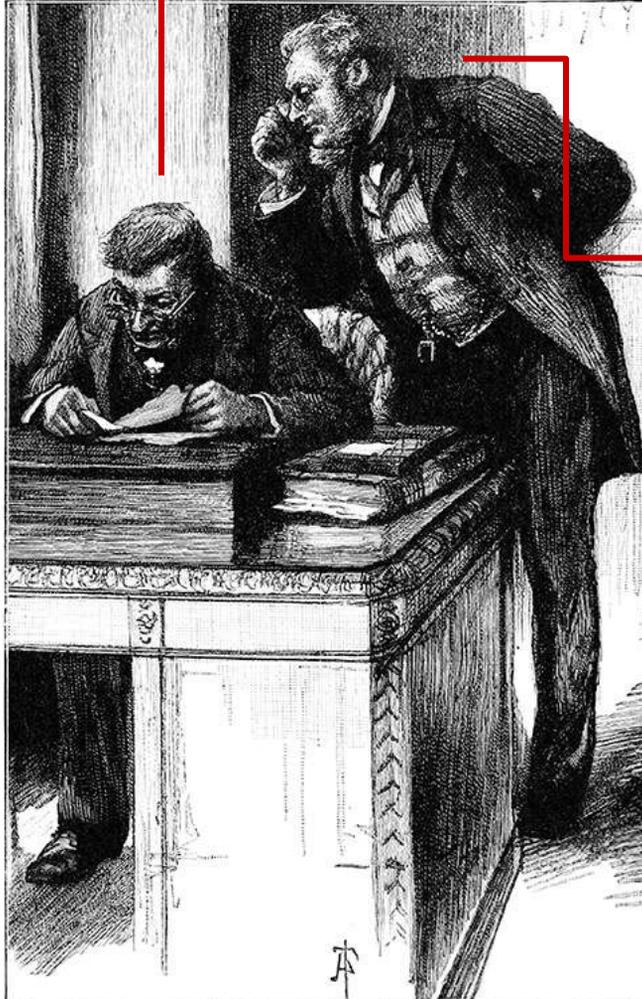
- Faith
- Atonement
- Repentance
- Baptism
- Living Prophets
- Holy Ghost
- Commandments

Promises

Now that you have a topic, convert it to a promise:

Faith	Baptism	Atonement	Prophets
Heb 1:1	Matt 3:16	Matt 8:17	1 Cor 12:28
Eph 4:13	John 3:5	Alma 34:9	Amos 3:7
1 Tim 6:12	Acts 2:38	2 Nephi 9:7	Eph 4:11
Repentance	Holy Ghost	Enduring	Scriptures
Alma 34:8-17	D&C 130:22-23	D&C 14:7	D&C 1:37
2 Cor 7:9-10	Acts 19:1-6	1 Nephi 13:37	1 Nephi 19:23
D&C 58:42-43	Gal 5:22-23	3 Nephi 15:9	1 Tim 3:15

- Faith in Jesus Christ leads to repentance
- The Book of Mormon testifies of Christ and His Atonement
- We are led by Prophets, Seers, and Revelators



So what?

- How is this topic relevant?
- Why is this important?

Now what?

- What should we do with it, now that we have this knowledge?

Examples

Faith

- ❖ So what?
 - How has my life (and the lives of others) been blessed when I repent?
 - How does faith in Christ help my repentance process to become complete?
- ❖ Now what?
 - What is one thing we can do to increase our faith in Christ?
 - What “holy habit” can we do have more faith?

Enduring to the end

- ❖ So what?
 - Enduring to the end leads us to eternal life
 - Liken enduring to the end to an event, sport, or activity
- ❖ Now what?
 - What can I do to increase my spiritual endurance?
 - Read the scriptures daily, pray morning and night