

Sermon Delivery

PURPOSE:

To provide opportunities for young men to develop their talents for preaching the gospel.

GUIDELINES:

1. This event shall be open to young men in grades 7-12 only.
2. Each Sermon shall be nine to twelve minutes in length.
3. Parents and/or coaches involvement shall be limited. The sermons shall primarily be that of the participants. Adherence to this principle cannot be monitored or evaluated by the judges or event coordinators and no points are assigned to this area. Coaches and parents will be expected to set the example for participants by enforcing this principle.
4. Spectators may not enter or leave the room while participants are speaking.
5. Video or audio equipment is permissible but must be set up prior to the contest and remain stationary until the conclusion of the contest.
6. Speakers should dress appropriately.
7. Sermons may not be repeated by another speaker.
8. Props will be allowed during the sermon.
9. Notes will be allowed. Positive consideration will be given to participants who demonstrate thorough preparation by not simply reading their sermon.

AWARDS: Awards are given to reward preparation and hard work, as well as to recognize excellence in presentation. Gold, silver or bronze will only be awarded to those participants who meet the standards that are listed. Critique sheets will be provided to every participant.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- **Content and message** - The content relates to the type of facts, examples, illustrations, etc., used to lead to a logical conclusion. The message shall be related to the theme of the current year's LTC.
- **Language and color** - The speaker should use good grammar, descriptive words or word pictures, similes, metaphors, and other colorful techniques to bring out the message.
- **Voice** - The speaker should show good variety in voice tone and word speed, speaking clearly and pronouncing words properly. The voice should show sincerity and enthusiasm.
- **Delivery and gestures** - A good sermon flows naturally and continuously, but there is still room for dramatic pauses. Gestures should also be natural and flowing. They should be used to enhance the words and message of the sermon.
- **Personality and attitude** - The speaker should allow his personality to show through the words he uses, the smile on his face, the sincerity in his eyes, the tone of voice, and eye contact with the audience.
- **Overall effectiveness** - This is an intangible area where the judge simply determines the overall impression of the speaker and his message.

COACHES AND CHURCH COORDINATORS:

- Assist the students without doing the work for them.
- Be certain that their participants are registered for sermon delivery and only sermon delivery for the given 1½ hour time period. No one will be allowed to participate in an event if they have a conflict with another event.
- Make certain that the student is correctly registered in this event.
- Final additions or deletions of events must be edited on the registration website by the church coordinator on or before the [Final Registration Deadline](#).
- Make certain that your student is present in the convention room, on time, with at least one encourager.