PRESENTING THE WORD OF GOD
A Seminar Study

I. *A Very Quick Introductory Note:*

    A. Our Purpose: To encourage others in the ministry of sharing the Word of
        God in a wide variety of oral communications.
    B. The Leader's Background...very brief, thankfully.
    C. A Procedural Note: Sharing the word is a cumulative life experience not
        just am incidental performance.
    D. And a very brief reminder of the preliminary material not under discussion
        for this occasion.

II. *First Steps in Presentment*

    A. Prepare Yourself.....

        Half the battle in any sort of presentation is the matter of preparation.
In this regard preparation is not just the few minutes before something is done but is
rather a life long affair. The believer should be in a continuing state of preparation for
whatever service the Lord may direct. One should live a life of preparation and then when
a specific moment comes for particular participation, a great deal of readiness has
already been put into whatever is to be done. A prizefighter does not start to learn to box
the day before the fight. And he does not stop training after the fight! Preparation is an
an ongoing life process and we may divide it into these categories:

        1. Spiritual.

        To know that one is born again, yielded to the Lord, open to the
Scriptures and the leading of the Holy Spirit....that is spiritual preparation. It is not a
mechanical formula but a work of the heart. Paul's attitude in 1 Corinthians 9 and
Philippians 3 should give us some guidance in this. It is true that some special preparation
will be needed for any commitment but it should grow from a life that is prepared and
preparing for what is needed. I will try to not tell many stories about this...but most of
our participants can fill in illustrations from their own lives.

        2. Academic

        It is not a matter of how long you went to school but a matter of
studying the Word of God, listening to it, reflecting on it, and seeing how it impacts
all parts of our lives.   General Bible knowledge is very good, Bible memory is highly