Reading:


This course will focus on a quote from Griffith Thomas on preaching:

“Pray yourself clean, read yourself full, write yourself clear and enter the pulpit and let yourself go.”

Thus there are four modules:

1. **The prayer life of the preacher—*praying yourself clean*...**

   We will consider the practice and importance of prayer. There will be a bibliographic consideration of some of the great contemplatives in our heritage and their relevance for the prayer life of a pastor.

2. **The library of the preacher—*reading yourself full*...**

   In this section we will examine the “must have” books for a preacher’s library centering in on the “practical books which will make sermon preparation effective.

3. **The preparation (writing) of the preacher—*writing yourself clear*...**

   While this section will primarily deal with the writing of sermons, we will cover a number of other areas of writing, to wit, for publication, for church newsletters, sermon notes for the congregation, etc.

4. **The technique of preaching—*entering the pulpit and letting yourself go*...**

   This section will deal with actual preaching of a sermon with emphasis on practical techniques for effective preaching.