

7 Biblical Guidelines for Aspiring Preachers

Pastor Vlad Savchuk of HungryGen Ministries has shared a stirring and practical message for aspiring preachers, offering guidance rooted in his own journey and the teachings of the apostle Paul.

In his video, Savchuk highlights the foundational aspects of a preacher's calling, emphasizing humility, grace and a Christ-centered focus. Drawing from Scripture and his own personal experiences, he outlines essential steps for those feeling the call to proclaim the gospel, while providing encouragement for navigating challenges such as self-doubt and the pressures of ministry.

Here are Pastor Savchuk's seven essential tips for aspiring preachers:

1. God wants to reveal Jesus to you so that He can reveal Jesus in you. "Paul says in Galatians that 'God revealed,' meaning he experienced the gospel through the revelation of Jesus. He didn't learn Jesus, he actually encountered Jesus and it's important that your ministry, your call of preaching, starts with the revelation of Jesus Christ," Savchuk shares.

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2. God has separated you for this call from you mother's womb. "I think every preacher, every man, woman of God carries this sense or carries this idea even they have this conviction that God had this thing for me to preach. God had this thing for me to be devoted to this call way before even I heard the call to salvation. This doesn't mean that you were saved from your mother's womb. It's just [that] God already had a plan for your life," Savchuk explains.

3. The calling to preach is through grace, not works. “It’s difficult for some people to feel that when you went to six years of college and you have a degree, and you’re like ‘yeah, I’m called to preach because I have a master’s degree’ or ‘I have a bachelor’s degree,’ that’s amazing that you have a degree, but that is not why you’re called to preach. You’re called to preach through God’s grace and if you ever forget that, you will become proud and entitled and you won’t make a difference in the world,” Savchuk says.

4. Preachers must preach JESUS. “If you’re a preacher, Jesus is your subject. If you don’t preach Jesus, you’re preaching something else, you’re missing your calling, you’re not fulfilling your assignment,” Savchuk reveals.

5. God wouldn’t use you to preach to the whole world, but He is sending you to reach part of that world. “In chapter 2 of Galatians, he [Paul] talks about that Peter has this grace with the Jews, and I have this grace with the Gentiles. You will have a limit to your preaching calling and within that limit, God’s going to give you enormous grace and favor that will come easily,” Savchuk says.

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6. God calls you to prayer as He is calling you to preach. “I want to encourage every person who is called to preach to begin to balance your preaching with your Arabia [Paul’s] experience. This is your withdrawing to spend time with God not just in the mornings but taking these times. A day, two, three, where you spend a quality extended period with God your Bible and just fellowshiping with Jesus,” Savchuk implores.

7. Don’t be so desperate to join circles of influence that you forsake the calling of being faithful to God. “Do you want to be a motivational speaker or the preacher of the Gospel?”

Savchuk asks. "If you want to be a preacher of the Gospel, don't use the world's techniques, branding and trying to build your name and build your brand. It's not about your name, it's about Jesus"

In his heartfelt message, Pastor Savchuk reminds aspiring preachers that the ultimate goal of ministry is to glorify Jesus Christ, not oneself. By prioritizing time with God, embracing humility and leaning on His grace, preachers can find the strength and clarity needed to fulfill their calling. Whether preaching to a small group or a large congregation, the focus remains on revealing Christ to others. Savchuk's words challenge and inspire, urging preachers to remain anchored in their faith as they walk in their God-given purpose.

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