

The beatitudes of the preacher

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- Blessed be the preacher who knows how to preach.
- Blessed be the preacher who shortens his introductions.
- Blessed be the preacher who modulates his voice and never shouts.
- Blessed be the preacher who knows how and when to finish.
- Blessed be the preacher who includes himself among the listeners.
- Blessed be the preacher whose sermons are enunciated and logical.
- Blessed be the preacher whose sermons constitute one unit, have a definite purpose, so that each word is well chosen and meditated upon.
- Blessed be the preacher who allows his congregation to sing a hymn without omitting one single stanza. (if it's a matter of time why not shorten the sermon?)
- Blessed be the preacher who rarely uses the pronoun me.
- Blessed be the preacher who knows that God called him.
- Blessed be the preacher who knows and preaches the Word.
- Blessed be the preacher who lives the message he preaches.
- Blessed be the preacher who is Christ-centered.
- Blessed be the preacher who knows of his need of the Holy Spirit.
- Blessed be the preacher who has completely given his life to God; is inspired by the Holy Spirit; has been anointed with His power to reach souls that may be won to God, and to train them for service while being guided to the feet of the Savior.

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