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These Motivational Speakers will Change Your Life!



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The Danger of Eloquence

1ST CORINTHIANS 1:17

For Christ did not send me to baptize,
but to preach the gospel, not in
cleverness of speech, so that the cross
of Christ would not be made void.



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1. RHETORIC

2. EDUCATION

3. EMOTION

4. STYLE

- Public speeches were highly interactive
- People responded vocally – good or bad
- If you were received poorly, things could turn physical or violent
- To be successful, you had to navigate the changing emotions of the crowd



2nd Cor. 10:10

For some say,
“Paul’s letters are
demanding and
forceful, but in
person he is weak,
and his speeches
are worthless!”





The power of eloquence is not in
the speech itself, but in knowing
its effect on the hearers.



IT ELEVATES **HUMAN** WISDOM

1st Corinthians 2:3-5

I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

- The gospel message was meant to be heard and received by everyone
- The power of the gospel **is in the words themselves**, not in a speech crafted by any man
- When men misuse the pulpit, it becomes about the man and **not about the message**

UNDERMINES THE GOAL OF TEACHING

1st Timothy 2:7

For this I was appointed
a preacher and an
apostle (I am telling the
truth, I am not lying) as
a teacher of the
Gentiles in faith and
truth.

- Paul was not appointed as an Orator, but as a preacher (Herald - *kēryx* - κήρυξ)
- The goal of an orator was to persuade to whatever ends you wanted

The goal of a herald was to:

- Announce with the authority of the one who sent them
- Deliver an accurate message without altering or addition
- They had no personal power or prestige

IT CAN CARRY US TO OUR DESTRUCTION

Romans 16:17-18

Now I urge you, brethren,
keep your eye on those
who cause dissensions
and hindrances contrary
to the teaching which you
learned...by their smooth
and flattering speech they
deceive the hearts of the
unsuspecting.

- The danger of eloquence is that we like it
- Substance should always be prioritized over style
- **2nd Peter 2:1-3, 18**
- The primary tool of false teachers is in their bold, arrogant, and appealing words
- We will share in their end if we follow where they lead!

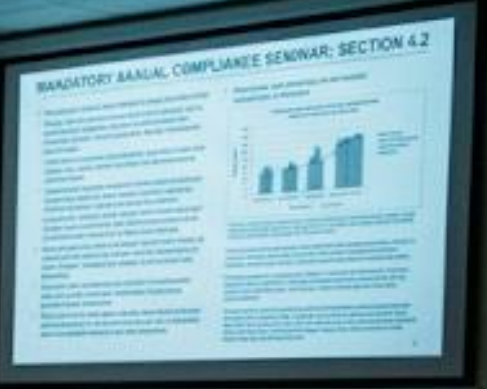


How can you protect yourself
from the power of eloquence?





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COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in Him**, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

the truth is in Jesus

