

Topical Outlines: Analytical

Develop the main divisions for the analytical topical sermon outline below the sample. Choose a biblical text. In the analytical approach, the biblical passage is analyzed by interrogation to develop the theme (topic) of the passage. The main divisions are then developed based on what the questions reveal about the main theme of the passage. Check to make sure the main divisions connect to the theme.

Sample Analytical Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: "I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds" (Acts 26:20).

Theme: Repentance

Main Divisions:

- I. The Nature of Repentance
- II. The Need for Repentance
- III. The Fruit of Repentance

Analytical Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Additional Topical Outlines (Analytical)

Analytical Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Analytical Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Topical Outlines: Illustrative

Develop the main divisions for the illustrative topical sermon outlines below the sample. Choose a biblical text. Identify the main theme of the passage. In the illustrative method, the theme of a chosen passage is applied to various situations or persons in the Bible as examples of a principle. Check to make sure the main divisions connect to the theme. The interrogation is, “How does this principle apply to people in the Bible?”

Sample Illustrative Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: “Surely I have acted like a fool and have erred greatly” (1 Samuel 26:21).

Theme: The Folly of Sinful Living

Main Divisions:

- I. It Brings Disgrace (Illustration: King Saul, 1 Samuel 28)
- II. It Destroys Nations (Illustration: Sodom, Genesis 19)
- III. It Closes Heaven (Illustration: The Sinning Prophets, Matthew 7:21–23)
- IV. It Silences Christ (Illustration: Herod, Luke 23:8–9)

Illustrative Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Additional Topical Outlines (Illustrative)

Illustrative Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Illustrative Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Topical Outlines: Demonstrative

Develop the main divisions for the demonstrative topical sermon outline below the sample. Choose a biblical text. When using the demonstrative method, we show why we believe a topical statement to be true either by argument, reason, or proven facts. The main divisions are developed out of the various questions asked concerning the main theme of the passage. Check to make sure the main divisions connect to the theme.

Sample Demonstrative Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: “Your word is truth” John 17:17.

Theme: Why I Believe the Bible Is True

Main Divisions:

- I. Because Its Author Cannot Lie (Titus 1:2)
- II. Because It Is True to Life (Romans 5:12)
- III. Because Its Prophecies Are Fulfilled (Matthew 5:18)
- IV. Because Its Promises Are Certain (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Demonstrative Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Additional Topical Outlines (Demonstrative)

Demonstrative Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Demonstrative Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Topical Outlines: Biographical

Develop the main divisions for the biographical topical sermon outline below the sample. Choose a biblical text concerning a person in the Bible. When using the biographical method, we highlight what is spiritually beneficial and significant about a Bible character. The main divisions are developed out of the various questions asked about that person. Check to make sure the main divisions connect to the theme.

Sample Biographical Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: “Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him”
(1 Kings 16:30).

Theme: Ahab the Apostate King

Main Divisions:

- I. Ahab Provokes God (1 Kings 16:33)
- II. Ahab Proves God (1 Kings 20:13)
- III. God Reproves Ahab (1 Kings 22:17)

Biographical Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Additional Topical Outlines (Biographical)

Biographical Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Biographical Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions (number may vary):

Textual Outlines: Textual-Natural

Develop the main divisions for the textual-natural sermon outline below the sample. Choose a biblical text. In the textual-natural form, the main divisions are those of the text itself taken in logical sequence. Often the outline arises from a simple division of the text. Check to make sure the main divisions connect to the theme.

Sample Textual-Natural Outline

Title: _____

Text: “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18).

Theme: God’s Will for You

Main Divisions:

- I. Always Joyful
- II. Always Prayerful
- III. Always Thankful

Textual-Natural Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Additional Textual-Natural Outlines

Textual-Natural Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Textual-Natural Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Textual Outlines: Textual-Analytical

Develop the main divisions for the textual-analytical sermon outline below the sample. Choose a biblical text. The textual-analytical form develops the textual outline by interrogating the Scripture portion and arranging the results of the interrogation into an outline that remains faithful to the sequence of the text. Check to make sure the main divisions connect to the theme.

Sample Textual-Analytical Outline

Title: _____

Text: “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6).

Theme: Christ’s Answer to Humankind’s Dilemma

Main Divisions:

- I. Humankind Is Lost—Jesus Is the Way.
- II. Humankind Is Ignorant—Jesus Is the Truth.
- III. Humankind Is Dead—Jesus Is the Life.

Textual-Analytical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Additional Textual-Analytical Outlines

Textual-Analytical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Textual-Analytical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Textual Outlines: Textual-Topical

Develop the main divisions for the textual-topical sermon outline below the sample. Choose a biblical text. Some texts presuppose certain facts without explicitly stating them. To preach them effectively requires our adding a division to the outline that is not apparent in the text itself. That is the topical aspect of the textual-topical outline. It is based on the text, but some main points may be implied. Check to make sure the main divisions connect to the theme.

Sample Textual-Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: “He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord. The king . . . renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands . . . and to obey” (2 Chronicles 34:30–31).

Theme: Returning to God’s Word

Main Divisions:

- I. The Loss of the Scriptures
- II. The Rediscovery of the Scriptures (verse 30)
- III. The Renewing of the Covenant (verse 31)

Textual-Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Additional Textual-Topical Outlines

Textual-Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Textual-Topical Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Expository Outlines: Evangelistic

Develop the main divisions for the evangelistic expository sermon outline below the sample. Choose a biblical passage and add the theme and main divisions. Be sure the main divisions connect to the theme. Summarize a call to decision for the conclusion.

Sample Evangelistic Expository Outline

Title: The Shepherd Who Cares

Text: Psalm 23:1–6

Theme: The Lord is a constantly caring shepherd for His followers.

Main Divisions:

- I. The Lord is my Shepherd (verse 1).
- II. The Lord is a restoring Shepherd (verses 2–3).
- III. The Lord is a guiding Shepherd (verse 3).
- IV. The Lord is a comforting Shepherd (verse 4).
- V. The Lord is a providing Shepherd (verses 5–6).

Conclusion: A call to follow the Shepherd

Evangelistic Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Additional Evangelistic Expository Outlines

Evangelistic Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Evangelistic Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Expository Outlines: Apologetic

Develop the main divisions for the apologetic expository sermon outline below the sample. Choose a biblical passage and add the theme and main divisions. Be sure the main divisions connect to the theme. Summarize a call to decision for the conclusion.

Sample Apologetic Expository Outline

Title: The Failure of Materialism

Text: Luke 12:13–21

Theme: True riches are found in a person's relationship to God, not in material possessions.

Main Divisions:

- I. Its Philosophy Is Mistaken (verse 15).
- II. Its Attitude Is Selfish (verses 16–19).
- III. Its Outcome Is Futile (verse 20).
- IV. Its Alternative Is Eternal (verses 21, 31).

Conclusion: A call to abandon materialism and seek God for fulfillment.

Apologetic Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Additional Apologetic Expository Outlines

Apologetic Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Apologetic Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Expository Outlines: Doctrinal

Develop the main divisions for the doctrinal expository sermon outline below the sample. Choose a biblical passage and add the theme and main divisions. Be sure the main divisions connect to the theme. Summarize a call to decision for the conclusion.

Sample Doctrinal Expository Outline

Title: The Christian's Attitude toward Possessions

Text: Luke 12:13–24

Theme: True riches consist of a person's relationship to God, not material possessions.

Main Divisions:

- I. Possessions Are Not the Measure of the Person (verses 15–20).
- II. Possessions Can Be a Distraction from Lasting Values (verses 20–21, 30).
- III. Possessions Can Be the Provision of God (verses 31–34).

Conclusion: A call to build a relationship with God.

Doctrinal Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Additional Doctrinal Expository Outlines

Doctrinal Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Doctrinal Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Expository Outlines: Ethical

Develop the main divisions for the ethical expository sermon outline below the sample. Choose a biblical passage and add the theme and main divisions. Be sure the main divisions connect to the theme. Summarize a call to decision for the conclusion.

Sample Ethical Expository Outline

Title: What Shall I Do with My Things?

Text: Luke 12:13–24

Theme: True riches consist of a person's relationship to God, not material possessions.

Main Divisions:

- I. The Abundance of Possessions (verses 15–20)
- II. The Anticipation of Plenty (verses 18–19)
- III. The Absence of Preparation (verses 20–21)
- IV. The Acknowledgment of Providence (verses 22–31).

Conclusion: A call to dedicate all that you have to God.

Ethical Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Additional Ethical Expository Outlines

Ethical Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____

Ethical Expository Outline

Title: _____

Text: _____

Theme: _____

Main Divisions:

Conclusion: _____