The Preacher's Challenge

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Let me mention I have the most terrible failure in being able to recognize faces. Some whom I may know well I may fail to recognize. Make yourself known.

Question: I struggle a bit with the minister of music in the worship service. An answer to the dilema is to have a compromise to this problem of having adults being reduced to the mentality of 10 year olds because of the TV culture. I'm just curious if there is a concensus among the evangelical community that you are aware of just what part should music play. How do we use it discretely? Can we use it? Do we need more music in our services? Do we need more preaching? Can we use it to break up this problem of a 10 min. attention span?

I think it can be a real help. But it is a matter that depends qubte a bit on the ______ and how it can be______ and **ab** also the type of meeting. I don't mean that one type of ______ should be sacrificed but I do think you have to get an idea of the particular needs of your congregation.

Question: I'm Bill King from North Carolina. You mentioned the only begotten son of God in John 1 and again in the matter of Abraham. One of the problems in a translation is that somethimes these phrases are changed like the NASB which I like, he's called the only begotten God. Unfortunately. I don't know if they should translate it that way. Why do they translate it that way in the NSSB? That's one of the difficulties I have.

It seems to me if I remember correctly that's in the margin of the NIV. (That's a textual problem) He certainly is the unique One. He is certainly God. And whether it is the unique one who is the sonof God or the unique one who is God, both are true. This word is used seven times in the NT and in three it is translated in KJV as only-begotten, and in the other four <u>only</u>. So making it "only" is not a big change - but it really means more than "only". It's the only one of a kind. It is only one is a special sense because if we truly know the Lord we are the sons of God. He is the Son in a very speical sense.

Question: Ours is a King James church not only because they like the only language but because in past years they have gotten the teaching about the textus receptus and to them it is a matter of liberalism **x** to use anything else. So I use the KJV and explain it. It just takes a little bit longer to preach, that's all. I explain a lot of words. Onething I have now is that there is pressure upon me to pray with thees and thous and wouldst, etc. I've noticed in some of the translations they translate the prayers different from the way they taanslate the other parts. When the people address God they use the thees and thous. Do you think that in a liturgical sense we should preserve the older language?