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**Teaching and Preaching to “Raise the Dead”
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Recently I ran across Spurgeon’s address, “How to Raise the Dead,” delivered in 1867 to a group of teachers. The essential point of the title is that teaching and preaching must raise the dead. When the preacher preaches or the teacher teaches, the goal is to raise to life those who are spiritually dead. I would add that preachers are also resuscitating those who in danger of dying. Preachers keep people alive. The point is that preaching is a life and death matter spiritually. Preaching and teaching must address spiritual matters.

God is part of this. The gospel of Jesus Christ is part of this. The Holy Spirit is part of this. Without God’s powerful word, without divine power in the words that are spoken, people will stay dead. Prayer is essential in preparing lessons. God can do what we cannot do. Fellowship with God through prayer, simply being with God, tuning in, listening, meditating, sharing. Listening to God’s Word is the key to finding life and following his will. God’s Word is the key to “raising the dead.”