

TIPS FOR THE HIV/AIDS PRESENTATION

There are several things you need to do in order to make the best of every opportunity to present the material you have received on HIV/AIDS. Here are some ideas:

1. **Prepare yourself by knowing the material well.**
2. **Write down the sequence of how you will present it.** However, after you become more versatile in doing it, be flexible to the needs of your audience.
3. **Get your materials in order** (overheads, flip charts, hand outs, etc).
4. **Practice your presentation** (out loud to yourself). You may want to tape yourself and hear yourself back. Critique yourself. But **REMEMBER** don't try to be a professional. Just be yourself....saving lives!!!
5. **Enlist prayer support for each presentation.**
6. **If you can promote your presentation** (tell friends, put out a flyer, make a poster, utilise free radio announcements, use church/organisational bulletin boards, supermarket bulletin boards, etc).
7. **If you are charging a workshop fee, make it very nominal** so you don't eliminate the very people who need motivation and help. If you are in AIDS awareness for the **MONEY** you are probably in the wrong business. You must have a passion for the loss of lives due to HIV/AIDS. That will come through if your **MOTIVES** are right! It is in order to take up an offering to defray your presentation expenses, or to charge a nominal registration fee for the training. There are businesses/churches that can afford to contribute towards those who are doing AIDS Awareness presentations. They should **CONTRIBUTE AND NOT BE STINGY**, realising that investing in awareness will benefit them and the community. Bless the hands that feed you!
8. **Remind** – A few days before the presentation, remind those with whom you have a date, and talk about the arrangements again.
9. **Involve as many people as possible** in the presentation, i.e. ask someone to prepare something to drink; ask someone to help with materials; ask someone to greet and seat people as they arrive.
10. **Be culturally and religiously sensitive.** Some of the material is a “taboo”subject. Don't beat around the bush....say it straight. However, use terms that do not make people feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. While you

may belong to a specific church denomination, and you want to share your faith which is really important, be sure to make non-believers comfortable so they don't feel they are on the outside.

11. **Start on time, even if few are present!**
12. **Start with prayer and then get right into the presentation.** Don't try to combine AIDS awareness with too many other agendas.
12. **Begin to bring together a support group (of people)** to deal with those who Hear you and need help, i.e. people who are afraid they may be HIV+; HIV+ persons who may be in attendance; others who are in need. Be able to direct them to help.
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GOD BLESS YOU!