

PURITAN SERMON STRUCTURE

William Perkins, *The Arte of
Prophecyng* (1607):

The Order and Summe of the
sacred and onely method of
Preaching:

TEXT: 1. To read the Text distinctly out
of the Canonical Scriptures.

DOCTRINE: 2. To give the sense and
understanding of it being
read, by the Scripture it
selfe.
3. To collect a few and profitable
points of doctrine out of the
naturall sense.

REASONS: To consider the context of
the text; to collate related
passages from other parts of
the Bible; to consider as well
principles of nature,
common sense, and human
experience, according to the
rules of reason and logic.

USES: 4. To apply (if he have the gift) the
doctrines rightly collected to
the life and maners of men,
in a simple and plaine
speech.

The Summe of the Summe.
Preach one Christ by Christ to the
Praise of Christ. (762)