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Social Science 105 Communication & Linguistics

A good definition is given by the European Science foundation – the social sciences are those subjects which examine and explain human beings. ... The major social sciences are Anthropology, Archaeology, Economics, Geography, History, Law, Linguistics, Politics, Psychology and Sociology.

This month lets tackle Communication & Linguistics. So why is communication and languages part of the social sciences? This academic discipline studies all aspects of human communication and associated behavior. There are three types of communication. 1. Verbal which involves speaking, listening and understanding. 2. Written which involves writing, reading and understanding. And finally, 3. Nonverbal which involves tone, volume, facial expressions, body language, inferred meaning and understanding. This area of study encompasses a wide range of communication methods from one or one or face to face to mass media and marketing methods.

Communication studies are interested how a message is interpreted through a number of filters: political, cultural, economic, political, economic, semiotic (things communicated through symbols or body language), Hermeneutic (rules of interpretation), social influences and context. As well as how connected or disconnected the communicator is with the message or the one or ones to whom the message is given.

This area of study began to develop in the late 40's early 50's. Collages campuses started offering communication research departments and communications research degrees. This area of study overlaps with other humanities and social sciences: such as sociology, psychology, anthropology biology, political science, economics, and public policy. Those who study this topic are seeking to understand how the tools of rhetoric and persuasion are used in communications and languages. Linguistics studies the history and development of languages and how it is used in communication.

We can see how understanding communication and how it works can be an important tool for anyone who answers the call to be a preacher and teacher of the Gospel. This is why our church body requires those who go in the office of the holy ministry (become a pastor) should learn or at least be well acquainted with the original languages in which scripture was written. Understanding the mechanics and all the tools of communication are very important when preaching and teaching about God and His truth. Enabling one to communicate clearly the message of the Gospel.

I think we will wrap up social science studies next month.

Have a blessed Christmas
In Christ
Pastor Portier