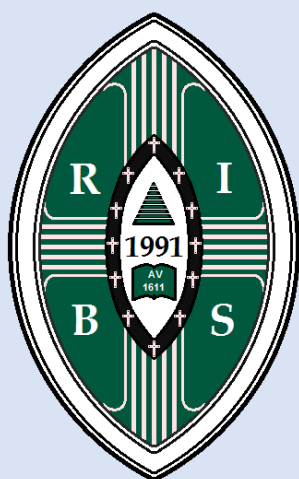


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Use of “Teach” in the New Testament

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Matthew 4

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Matthew 5

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 9

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Matthew 11

1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

Matthew 15

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Matthew 21

23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

Matthew 22

16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.

Matthew 26

55 In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

Matthew 28

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 4

1 And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

Mark 6

2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went

round about the villages, teaching.

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

Mark 7

7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Mark 8

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Mark 12

14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

Mark 14

49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

Luke 5

17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Luke 11

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1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

Luke 12

12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Luke 13

1.10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 2.22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

Luke 20

1.21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:

Luke 21

37 And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.

Luke 23

5 And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

John 3

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

John 7

35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among

the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?

John 9

34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

John 14

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Acts 1

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

Acts 4

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

Acts 5

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Acts 13

1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

Acts 15

35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

Acts 16

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

Acts 18

11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Acts 21

21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

Acts 28

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Romans 2

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

Romans 12

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7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching;

1 Corinthians 2

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1 Corinthians 4

17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

1 Corinthians 11

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

1 Corinthians 12

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

1 Corinthians 14

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

Galatians 6

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Ephesians 4

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some,

evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Colossians 1

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Colossians 3

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1 Timothy 1

3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

1 Timothy 2

7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

1 Timothy 3

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

1 Timothy 4

11 These things command and teach.

1 Timothy 6

2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren;

but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

2 Timothy 1

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

2 Timothy 2

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

2 Timothy 4

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Titus 1

11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

Titus 2

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

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Hebrews 5

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Hebrews 8

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

2 Peter 2

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

1 John 2

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Revelation 2

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

Various Verses from the Old Testament Bible, King James Version

Exodus 4

12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

Exodus 18

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

Exodus 24

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

Exodus 35

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

Leviticus 10

11 And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

Leviticus 14

57 To teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leprosy.

Deuteronomy 4

1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they

depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

Deuteronomy 5

31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

Deuteronomy 6

1 Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 11

19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 20

18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations,

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which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 24

8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do.

Deuteronomy 31

19 Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.

Judges 3

2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

Judges 13

8 Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

1 Samuel 12

23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

2 Samuel 22

35 He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

1 Kings 8

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast

given to thy people for an inheritance.

2 Chronicles 15

3 Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

Ezra 7

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.
25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not.

Psalms 18

34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

Psalms 25

4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

8 Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

12 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

Psalms 27

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Psalms 34

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Psalms 51

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Psalms 86

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

Psalms 90

12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

Psalms 119

12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

Psalms 143

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is

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good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Psalms 144

1 Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

Proverbs 6

13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

Proverbs 9

9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 16

23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

Isaiah 2

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 28

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 26 For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.

Isaiah 43

27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.

Isaiah 48

17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Jeremiah 31

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Daniel 1

4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

Micah 3

11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

Micah 4

2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

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Introduction

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This class is an *Introduction to Teaching*. All of us have been exposed to teaching. A child is taught by his parents from birth. The child learns to function, walk, talk, dress, use the restroom, eat, play, and do all because he learns from his parents.

We learn by observation (look) and listening (listen). We tend to live what we learn.

The principle of teaching is the transference of knowledge and ability from one who knows to one who desires to know. One cannot teach a person who rejects the material or person. The responsibility to teach others ends when a man does not wish to learn. This is shown by not heeding the teaching.

Jesus taught us to not cast our pearls before swine in Matthew 7:6: “Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.”

Students Should Be Cautious as to Where they Get Their Teaching

Furthermore, a student should be careful not to learn from bad teachers. Proverbs 19:27 says. “Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.”

Psalms 1: is also noteworthy:

- 1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

We are All Students, and We are All Teachers

Every man should be a student. The learning in life never ends – or should never end. Every person teaches with his words and actions.

Even poor examples teach others. Note Proverbs 6:

- 12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.
- 13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;
- 14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.
- 15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

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There is a Right Process for Teaching

There are proper methods for teaching that we shall cover in this class. Methods include making sure the teaching is right for the student. That is, not too high and not too low. The teacher has to teach the material in the right order, for knowledge usually builds upon itself.

This is clearly obvious in the way secular schools teach mathematics.

1. A child learns to count and the amount the numbers represent.
2. A child learns to add and subtract on a basic level.
3. A child learns more involved mathematics, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
4. The child moves on to algebra, geometry, and trigonometry.
5. The child moves on to calculus and higher levels of mathematics.

Isaiah 28:9-11 shows us God's order:

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

From this passage we learn the following:

1. The student needs to be "weaned from the milk." This shows that the first level is desiring the milk of the word. Hebrews 5:12 says: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." Peter commands newborn babes in 1 Peter 2:2: "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby...."
2. Second, God teaches knowledge by understanding doctrine. This shows the wisdom of Psalm 111:10: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever."
3. God teaches and expects obedience to the precepts. The word is mentioned four times. Precepts are built upon themselves. The order of the precepts was defined by our Savior in the four Gospels and summarized in the Great Commission.
4. As one learns and obeys the precepts, he should read the word of God "line upon line." Jesus said in Matthew 4:4: "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." We have every word, and God expects those

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he teaches to read “every word” over and over. Repetition is the mother of learning. Reading the Bible just once is not sufficient. We must continually read the word of God.

5. Then the *topical studies* are engaged – “here a little, and there a little.” Proper learning of *here and there* cannot be done rightly until every word of God is read and being read.
6. God uses teachers from other tongues.

The Connection of Doctrine to Love Commandment Doctrine

The two most important commandments of Christ (and of the Old Testament) are to love God and love your neighbor.

Because these two precepts are so fundamental, they transcend into every other Commandment of Christ. They can be considered not only the first and foremost commandments, but fundamental to *salvation* and Christian *service* – 1 John 3:22-24 says:

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

When we obey the commandment to believe on Jesus Christ, we have everlasting life – John 6:47: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.”

Obeying Jesus is how we show we love Jesus and God – John 14:21: “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

The relationship of Jesus to the Father is one. Notice John 15:23 in contrast: “He that hateth me hateth my Father also.” Also in John 14:24: “He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.”

We teach the things of Christ out of love for Him and out of love for man.

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Lesson 1: The Great Commission

I. The Great Commission Found in Matthew 28:16-20

- A. Church's marching orders
- B. Church's priority
- C. Jesus' mandate for his church leaders

II. The Great Commission Given to the Eleven Disciples

- A. 16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
- B. These are the leadership of the Jerusalem church
- C. Jerusalem is place of the church Jesus built
- D. Jerusalem is the beginning point for all world evangelism
- E. Luke 24:44 – And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.
- F. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
- G. 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
- H. 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- I. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things.
- J. 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.
- K. 50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

III. God Set Some in the Church, First Apostles

- A. 1 Corinthians 12:28 – And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
- B. Ephesians 4:11 – And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- C. 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

IV. Church Worships, Some Still Doubt – Matthew 28:17

- A. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.
- B. No reason to doubt today
- C. World has been evangelized, and is being evangelized
- D. The World was Reached in the First Century by God's people being obedient to God's word.

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E. God's Sent Men Fulfilled the Commandment Doing the Work God's Way (Acts 1:8):

- In the Power of the Holy Ghost
- According to God's Will
- Using Languages (Acts 2)
- Sometimes Under Persecution (Acts 8)
- Without Respect of Persons – Jews and Gentiles (Acts 10)
- With church authority (Acts 8, 13:1-3)
- With signs and wonders (Acts 8)
- Boldly (Acts 4 and 5)
- Giving glory to God (Romans 15:17, 18)
- With much resistance (Romans 15:22)
- Where Christ was not named (Romans 15:20)
- All the Earth reached in First Century (Romans 10:18; 16:26)
- Every Creature Reached in First Century (Colossians 1:6, 23)
- In Every Place the Word of the Lord Sounded Out (1 Thessalonians 1:8)
- Paul Strived to Preach Where Christ was Not Named (Romans 15:15-20)
- Paul spent 2 years in Asia, and all heard the word (Acts 19:8-10):

8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

V. All Power Given to Jesus – Matthew 28:18

- A. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- B. All authority
- C. Given by God to Jesus
- D. All power in heaven and earth
- E. John 20:21 – Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

VI. Go Because of and with the Power of Christ

- A. 19 Go ye therefore....
- B. Power of Christ transferred to the church
- C. Matthew 8:9 – For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

VII. Teach All Nations

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- A. 19 ... and teach all nations....
- B. World view
- C. By the scriptures – Romans 15:25-26
- D. Beginning at Jerusalem – Luke 24:47
- E. Teach them the gospel – 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- F. Preaching the gospel – Mark 16:15

VIII. **Baptizing the Converts**

- A. 19 ... baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost....
- B. Name of the Father – church set – 1 Corinthians 12:13, 18, 27-28
- C. Name of the Son – the Gospel – death, burial, and resurrection – 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- D. Name of the Holy Ghost – Baptism with the Holy Ghost – Matthew 3:11
- E. All sealed with the Holy Ghost when they believe – Ephesians 1:13; 4:30

IX. **Teaching the Baptized Converts to Observe All Commandments of Christ**

- A. 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...
- B. All commandments found in the Doctrine of Christ
- C. Teach by observing – teacher to do and teach – Acts 1:1
- D. See Class 203A *Commandment Doctrine of Christ* and Class 406 *New Testament Commandments*.

X. **Promise of Jesus Presence Everywhere and for All Time**

- A. ... and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
- B. Jesus always present
- C. To the far reaches of the world (i.e., all nations)
- D. Jesus always empowering
- E. Jesus is with us forever
- F. Hebrews 13:5 – Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
- G. Note: the word *world* is from Greek Word: αἰών, (i.e., *aión*) which means age, or a space of time.
- H. The same word is used as *forever* in Matthew 6:13: "... and the glory, forever. Amen."
- I. The same word is used as *world* in Matthew 13:22: "... and the care of this world...."
- J. The same word is used as *world* in Matthew 13:39: "... the harvest is the end of the world...." Also, Matthew 13:40, 49; and 24:3.
- K. Based on Matthew 28:19 – "*all nations*" setting the context, we can understand the "*end of the word*" to include both time and space.

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Lesson 2: God's Method of Teaching

I. God Has an Order and Process for Teaching

- A. See Isaiah 28:9-10
- B. Isaiah 28:9-11 shows us God's order:
- C. 9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.
- D. 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:
- E. 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

II. Student Must be Weaned from the Milk

- A. The student needs to be "weaned from the milk."
- B. This shows that the first level is desiring the milk of the word.
- C. Peter commands newborn babes in 1 Peter 2:2: "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby...."
- D. Hebrews 5:12 says: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat."

III. God Teaches Knowledge by having Students Understanding Doctrine.

- A. The wisdom of Psalm 111:10: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever."
- B. God teaches and expects obedience to the precepts.
- C. Students should learn the precepts and do them.
- D. James 1:22 – But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- E. The word is mentioned four times.
- F. Precepts are built upon themselves.
- G. The order of the precepts was defined by our Savior in the four Gospels and summarized in the Great Commission.
- H. Matthew 5:19 – Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- I. Acts 1:1 – The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

IV. As One Learns and Obeys the Precepts, He Reads the word of God "Line Upon Line."

- A. Jesus said in Matthew 4:4: "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."
- B. We have every word, and God expects those he teaches to read "every word" over and over. Repetition is the mother of learning. Reading the Bible just once is not sufficient.

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We must continually read the word of God.

- C. John 5:39 – Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
- D. Acts 17:11 – These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.
- E. 2 Timothy 3:15 – And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- F. 2 Timothy 3:15 – And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- G. Proverbs 30:5 – Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
- H. 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

V. Topical Studies are then Engaged

- A. Then the student is ready for “here a little, and there a little.”
- B. Proper learning of *here and there* cannot be done rightly until every word of God has been read and is being read.
- C. The word of God must be in the student’s mind and heart so the Holy Ghost can draw it out when studying.
- D. Word studies are very good, but there are also parallel passages that use different words. For example, the study of deacons should also include Acts 6 and Phebe.
- E. A student must be familiar with every word of God.
- F. A student must also be a doer of the word so he has proper understanding, and he can rightly divide – 2 Timothy 2:15.
- G. God adds knowledge to virtue – 2 Peter 1:5
- H. Doers of word have knowledge and understanding

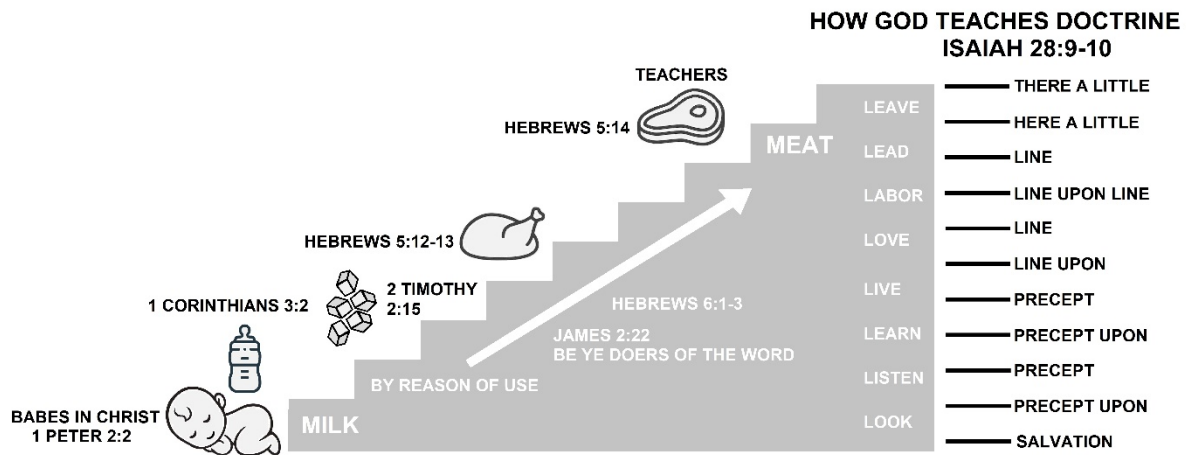
VI. God Uses Teachers from Other Tongues.

- A. God distributes his knowledge among every follower
- B. Every person has some knowledge that others do not know
- C. We need cross-pollination of ideas and studies
- D. We need teachers to be writers
- E. The study of God’s word involves language studies – Hebrew, Greek, English, etc.
- F. The study of God’s work should be translated into other tongues
- G. God used the gift of tongues to preach the gospel in Acts 2

VII. Illustration of Growth

- A. Shows growth and ability to learn the things of God.
- B. One goes from milk to meat “by reason of use.” – being doers of the word – Psalm 111:10
- C. Meat is *rightly divided* for students to consume.

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Lesson 3: The Greatest Teacher

VIII. Jesus is the Greatest Teacher

- A. No other is like the Savior
- B. Jesus always spoke the truth
- C. The truth makes people free
- D. Do and teach – Acts 1:1
- E. Makes followers fishers of men
- F. Taught with authority

IX. Great Because of His Person

- A. Only Begotten Son of God – John 3:16
- B. He is the way, the truth, and the Life – John 14:6
- C. He is the Word of God – John 1:1
- D. He is the Light of the World – John 1:9
- E. He is the Bread of Life – John 6:35, 48
- F. He is the Water of Life – John 4:14; Revelation 21:6

X. Great Because of His Purpose

- A. Came to seek and to save the lost – Luke 19:10
- B. Came to give his life a ransom for many
- C. Came to give life more abundantly – John 10

XI. Great Because of His Work

- A. Always pleased the Father – John 8:29
- B. Finished the work – John 4:34
- C. John 17:4 – I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

XII. Great Because of His Influence

- A. Gospel preached to the whole world
- B. Believers worldwide
- C. Churches worldwide
- D. Throughout the last 2,000 years
- E. His word shall never pass away

XIII. Great Because of His Effect in History

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- A. Kings and kingdoms submissive to Jesus Christ
- B. Goodness of God passed on to nations
- C. Righteousness of God's word changed nations

XIV. Great Because of His Effect in the Lives of Believers

- A. Changed lives
- B. Born again
- C. Sins forgiven
- D. Walk in newness of life
- E. New purpose
- F. Ambassadors for Christ
- G. New creatures – 2 Corinthians 5:17

XV. Great Because of His Promises

- A. Not perish – John 3:15
- B. Eternal life – John 3:15
- C. Everlasting life – John 3:16
- D. Saved – John 3:17
- E. Not condemned – John 3:18

XVI. Jesus Opens the Understanding

- A. Luke 24:44 – And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.
- B. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
- C. 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
- D. 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- E. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things.
- F. 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.
- G. 50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

XVII. Jesus Commissioned Good teachers

- A. Ephesians 4:8 – Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
- B. 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)
- C. 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might

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fill all things.)

- D. 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- E. 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- F. 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- G. 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- H. 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
- I. 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

XVIII. Jesus is Always Present to Teach His Followers

- A. James 1:5 – If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- B. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
- C. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
- D. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.
- E. 2 Timothy 2:7 – Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.
- F. 1 John 5:20 – And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

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Lesson 4: Techniques of the Greatest Teacher

I. Follow Me

- A. Matthew 4:19 – And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
- B. Matthew 10:38 – And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

II. Taught with Authority

- A. Matthew 7:29 – For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.
- B. Mark 1:22 – And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.
- C. 27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

III. Jesus Taught at the Correct Level

- A. John 16:12 – I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.
- B. Matthew 16:5 And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.
- C. 6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
- D. 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread.
- E. 8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?
- F. 9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?
- G. 10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?
- H. 11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?
- I. 12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
- J. Jesus has taught us all that we should know, but we must *grow into* the learning.

IV. Watch and Listen

- A. Jesus took advantage of teachable moments

V. Jesus Practiced the Do and Teach Method

- A. Acts 1:1
- B. Matthew 5:19

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- C. John 13:17 – If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

VI. Jesus Required Practicum Training

- A. Luke 9:1 – Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.
- B. 2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.
- C. 3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.
- D. 4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.
- E. 5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.
- F. 6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

VII. Made the Things of God Understandable

- A. Matthew 13:24 – Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
- B. Matthew 18:23 – Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.
- C. Matthew 25:1 – Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- D. Mark 9:44 – Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
- E. 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
- F. 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

VIII. The Use of Parables

- A. Matthew 13:10 – And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?
- B. 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
- C. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.
- D. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
- E. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:
- F. 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.
- G. 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.
- H. 17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

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- I. See Lesson 10 for List of Jesus' Parables
- J. Followers did not have notepads, recorders, and video equipment. They had to remember what Jesus taught. Using parables helps with this remembering.
- K. *Memorable is portable* (Andy Stanley).

IX. The Use of Illustrations

- A. Word pictures
- B. Pearls and swine – Matthew 7:6
- C. That which is holy and dogs – Matthew 7:6
- D. Lilies of the field – Matthew 5:28
- E. Fowls of the air – Matthew 5:26
- F. Bread cast to dogs – Matthew 15:26

X. The Use of Repetition

- A. 4 gospels
- B. Acts
- C. Epistles
- D. New Testament

XI. Jesus Told Stories

- A. The prodigal son
- B. The Good Samaritan
- C. The Unjust Steward
- D. All had a practical application

XII. The Use of Sayings that Stick

- A. Acts 20:35 – It is more blessed to give than to receive.
- B. Matthew 7:1 – Judge not, that ye be not judged.
- C. John 8:32 – And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

XIII. Effective Hyperbole

- A. Jesus got the peoples' attention
- B. Mark 9:42 – And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.
- C. 43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:
- D. 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
- E. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

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- F. 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
- G. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:
- H. 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
- I. 49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.
- J. 50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

XIV. Jesus Asked Questions

- A. Whose image?
- B. What does it profit a man?
- C. Whom do men say that I am?
- D. What went you forth to see?
- E. Who builds a tower?
- F. He was provoking his hearers to think!

XV. Jesus Used Humor

- A. Matthew 7:3 – And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?
- B. 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?
- C. 5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

XVI. Modern Analysis of Jesus' Teaching Methods

- A. Knowledge – Jesus wanted followers to remember so he used mental images – parables and illustrations
- B. Comprehension – Jesus asked questions so followers would understand
- C. Application – Jesus' teachings were to be applied
- D. Analysis – Jesus used comparisons and parallels
- E. Synthesis – Jesus asked questions to have followers evaluate his teachings
- F. Evaluation – Jesus created in the minds of his hearers beautiful examples for life-changing effect: *What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world, but lose his own soul?*

XVII. Jesus' Methods of Teaching Applied to Content Areas

- A. Authority – the Sciences (biology, physics, chemistry, music, art, etc.)
- B. Object lessons – History and Religion
- C. Repetition – English, Mathematics, Education
- D. Story telling – Journalism
- E. Teachable moments – All content areas
- F. Word pictures – Psychology

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- G. Attention getting – Nursing
- H. Humor – Physical education
- I. Experience – Languages, Leadership
- J. Learning by Experience – Counseling, Social work
- K. Questions – Business, Languages

XVIII. Nine Methods Jesus Used that Can Be Applied

- A. Speak with Authority using the New Testament
- B. Tell Stories – the best are Bible stories with a lesson
- C. Shock people to get their attention
- D. Craft memorable sayings – speak poetically
- E. Ask questions
- F. Use visual illustrations
- G. Used repetition
- H. Created experiences
- I. Practiced what you preach – actions speak loudest

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Lesson 5: Techniques Used by the Apostles

I. **The Apostles Learned from the Best Teacher**

- A. 3.5 years following the Master
- B. Saw all, heard all, did all
- C. Experienced the death, burial, and resurrection
- D. First recipients of the Comforter after the resurrection
- E. Jesus gave them understanding

II. **The Apostles were Leaders and Servants**

- A. They understood servant leadership
- B. They served the people by prayer and ministry of the word – Acts 6:4
- C. Ministry of the word:
 - Preach – 2 Timothy 4:1
 - Teach – 1 Timothy 4:11; 2 Timothy 2:2; 1 Timothy 3:2
 - Reading – 1 Timothy 4:13
 - Study – 2 Timothy 2:15
 - Doctrine – 2 Timothy 4:6, 16; 5:17
 - Evangelize – 2 Timothy 4:5
 - Scriptures – parchments – 2 Timothy 4:13

III. **The Apostles Taught the Doctrine of Christ**

- A. They were faithful to the Lord's commission
- B. They did not invent non-inspired doctrines
- C. They were faithful teachers and ambassadors of Christ

IV. **The Apostles Honored the Lord Jesus Christ in All Teaching**

- A. All their teaching and preaching was Christ-centered
- B. Any reference to the Old Testament was to teach Christ
- C. They are the authors of the New Testament

V. **The Apostles Majored on the Gospel**

- A. The passion of Jesus is always first and foremost
- B. Good for the lost and for the saved
- C. Teach lost people the gospel
- D. Teach saved people baptism
- E. Prepare saved and baptized for the Judgment Seat of Christ

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VI. The Apostles Did Not Seek Vain Glory

- A. Acts 14:11 – And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.
- B. 12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.
- C. 13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.
- D. 14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,
- E. 15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:
- F. Revelation 19:10 – And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
- G. Revelation 22:9 – Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.
- H. Philippians 2:3 – Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- I. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- J. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- K. 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- L. 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- M. 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- N. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- O. 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- P. 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VII. The Teaching Principles of the Apostle Paul

- A. The Apostle Paul was Master Teacher
- B. The Apostle Paul was taught by Jesus Christ
- C. Communicated with those he taught
- D. Sought common ground among the hearers
- E. Used what was relatable to the hearers
- F. Went to the Jew first

VIII. Teaching Techniques Used by the Apostle Paul

- A. Directed the conversation

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- B. Knew his audience
- C. Jews or Gentiles
- D. Bond or free
- E. Barbarian
- F. Male or female
- G. Husbands and wives
- H. Parents and children
- I. Pastors and teachers
- J. Leaders and followers
- K. Masters and slaves

IX. Paul before Felix

- A. Acts 24:10 – Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:
- B. 11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.
- C. 12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:
- D. 13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.
- E. 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:
- F. 15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.
- G. 16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.
- H. 17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.
- I. 18 Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.
- J. 19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.
- K. 20 Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,
- L. 21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.
- M. 22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

X. Paul at Athens

- A. Acts 17:16 – Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.
- B. 17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.
- C. 18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange

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- gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.
- D. 19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?
 - E. 20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.
 - F. 21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)
 - G. 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.
 - H. 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.
 - I. 24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;
 - J. 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;
 - K. 26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;
 - L. 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:
 - M. 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.
 - N. 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.
 - O. 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:
 - P. 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.
 - Q. 32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.
 - R. 33 So Paul departed from among them.
 - S. 34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

XI. Paul Before Agrippa -- Introductory

- A. Acts 26:1 – Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:
- B. 2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:
- C. 3 Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.
- D. 4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;
- E. 5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.
- F. 6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:
- G. 7 Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come.

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For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

H. 8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

XII. Paul Before Agrippa – Personal Testimony

- A. 9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.
- B. 10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.
- C. 11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.
- D. 12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,
- E. 13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.
- F. 14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
- G. 15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.
- H. 16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;
- I. 17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,
- J. 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
- K. 19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:
- L. 20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.
- M. 21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.
- N. 22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:
- O. 23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

XIII. Paul Before Agrippa – Reaction to Paul's Preaching

- A. 24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.
- B. 25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.
- C. 26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.
- D. 27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

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- E. 28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.
- F. 29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.
- G. 30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:
- H. 31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.
- I. 32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

XIV. Ministering Without Respect of Persons

- A. Jews and Gentiles
- B. Pagan and religious
- C. Festus
- D. Felix
- E. Agrippa
- F. Caesar
- G. Onesimus
- H. Educated – Tyrannus – Acts 19:9 – But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

XV. The Apostles Used Their Witness of Jesus and the Resurrection

- A. Acts 2:32 – This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
- B. Acts 3:15 – And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.
- C. Acts 4:33 – And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.
- D. Acts 5:32 – And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

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Lesson 6: Jesus' Do and Teach Method Elaborated

I. Do and Teach

- A. Matthew 5:19 – Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- B. Acts 1:1 – The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
- C. Romans 2:13 – (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.
- D. James 1:22 – But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- E. 2 Timothy 4:3 – For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- F. Hebrews 5:12 – For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.
- G. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
- H. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

II. Teaching by Ensample

- A. John 13:15 – For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
- B. 1 Corinthians 10:6 – Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.
- C. 1 Timothy 4:12 – Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- D. James 5:10 – Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.
- E. 1 Peter 2:21 – For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

III. Teaching by Example

- A. 1 Corinthians 10:11 – Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
- B. Philippians 3:17 – Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.
- C. 1 Thessalonians 1:7 – So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.
- D. 2 Thessalonians 3:9 – Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.
- E. 1 Peter 5:3 – Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

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IV. Leaders to be Followed

- A. Matthew 4:19 – And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
- B. Matthew 8:22 – But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.
- C. Matthew 9:9 – And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.
- D. Matthew 16:24 – Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- E. Matthew 19:21 – Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.
- F. Mark 2:14 – And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.
- G. Mark 8:34 – And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- H. Mark 10:21 – Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.
- I. Luke 5:27 – And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.
- J. Luke 9:23 – And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.
- K. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.
- L. Luke 18:22 – Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.
- M. John 1:43 – The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.
- N. John 10:27 – My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
- O. John 12:26 – If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
- P. 1 Corinthians 4:16 – Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.
- Q. 1 Corinthians 11:1 – Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- R. Hebrews 13:7 – Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

V. Observing Doctrine

- A. Matthew 23:3 – All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
- B. Matthew 28:20 – Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
- C. 1 Timothy 5:21 – I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

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VI. Sent in Like Fashion as the Lord

- A. John 20:21 – Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

VII. Show Faith by Works

- A. John 9:4 – I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- B. John 10:25 – Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.
- C. 37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.
- D. 38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.
- E. Ephesians 2:8 – For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- F. 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- G. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
- H. 2 Timothy 3:16 – All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- I. 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
- J. Titus 2:7 – In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
- K. 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
- L. Titus 3:8 – This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.
- M. 14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.
- N. Hebrews 10:24 – And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
- O. James 2:14 – What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
- P. 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
- Q. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
- R. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
- S. 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
- T. 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
- U. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
- V. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?
- W. 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
- X. James 3:13 – Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew

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out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

- Y. 1 Peter 2:12 – Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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Lesson 7: Avoiding Hypocrisy, Error, and Humanism

I. Hypocrisy – What is it?

- A. Matthew 6:2 – Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
- B. 5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
- C. 16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
- D. Matthew 7:5 – Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.
- E. Mathew 15:7 –Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,
- F. 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.
- G. Matthew 16:3 – And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

II. Jesus Preached and Warned Against Hypocrisy

- A. Matthew 23:13 – But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.
- B. 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.
- C. 15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.
- D. 23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.
- E. 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.
- F. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
- G. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.
- H. 29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,
- I. Luke 12:1 – In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

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III. The End of Hypocrites

- A. Matthew 24:51 – And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

IV. Jesus Warned Against Error

- A. Matthew 7:15 – Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
- B. Matthew 24:11 – And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
- C. 2 Peter 3:17 – Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.
- D. 1 John 4:6 – We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
- E. Jude 1:11 – Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

V. Jesus Warned Against Humanism

- A. Matthew 15:10 – And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:
- B. 11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.
- C. Matthew 12:43 – When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.
- D. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.
- E. Matthew 23:9 – And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

VI. Jesus Warned Against Sin

- A. John 5:14 – Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.
- B. John 8:11 – She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.
- C. John 8:24 – I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.
- D. 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.
- E. Matthew 15:11 – Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

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VII. Jesus Warned Against Unbelief

- A. Matthew 13:58 – And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.
- B. Matthew 17:20 – And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
- C. Mark 6:6 – And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.
- D. Mark 16:14 – Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
- E. Matthew 17:17 – Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.
- F. Mark 9:19 – He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.
- G. Luke 9:41 – And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.
- H. John 20:27 – Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

VIII. Jesus Warned Against Covetousness

- A. Luke 12:15 – And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.
- B. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
- C. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
- D. 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
- E. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.
- F. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
- G. 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

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Lesson 8: Good and Bad Traditions

I. **Good Traditions**

- A. 2 Thessalonians 2:15 – Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.
- B. 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

C. **Bad Traditions**

- A. Matthew 15:6 – And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.
- B. Mark 7:8 – For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.
- C. 9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.
- D. 13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.
- E. Colossians 2:8 – Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

D. **Good Traditions for the Church**

- A. Sunday School
- B. Soul-winning
- C. Visitation
- D. Evangelistic ministries

E. **Bad Traditions for the Church**

- A. When they replace the New Testament commandments
- B. When they make void the commandments
- C. When they go contrary to the commandments
- D. When they are considered more important than the commandments

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Lesson 9: Why did Jesus Use Parables?

I. Meaning of Parable

- A. A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.
- B. A parable is a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, usually as told by Jesus in the Gospels.
- C. A parable is a short, simple story featuring familiar characters and situations.
- D. Word origin (Collins): from Old French *parabole*, from Latin *parabola* comparison, from Greek *parabolē* analogy, from *paraballein* to throw alongside, from *para*-alongside + *ballein* to throw.

II. The Beauty and Wisdom of Parables

- A. The beauty and wisdom of Parables are found in these areas:
- B. Using Parables causes people to:
- C. Create mental pictures – imagery in the mind
- D. Use the neocortex and thalamus part of the brain – this part of the brain is where imagination, consciousness, reasoning, and abstract thought function. This is where faith begins in the mind.
- E. Entertain an emotional component to the story – they affect the heart.
- F. Connect with things they understand.
- G. Storytelling – people like stories and they want to know the end of the story.
- H. Creation of characters or objects. Hearers can imagine freely what the characters look like.
- I. Parables can create comparisons.
- J. Parables can create contrasts.
- K. Parables can create parallels.
- L. Parables can use extreme examples.
- M. Parables leverage the hearer's curiosity

III. Speaking in Parables Fulfilled Prophecy

- A. Matthew 13:34 – All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:
- B. 35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

IV. Speaking in Parables Reveled the Truth of God

- A. Matthew 13:10 – And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?
- B. 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

V. Speaking in Parables Concealed the Truth to Scorners

- A. Matthew 13:13 – Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
- B. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:
- C. 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

VI. Speaking in Parable Illustrated the Truth

- A. Luke 10:29 – But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?
- B. 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.
- C. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- D. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.
- E. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,
- F. 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- G. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
- H. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?



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VII. Jesus Used Parable so People Know How to Apply the Truth of God's Word

- A. How can I be a neighbor?
- B. What should I rejoice over?

VIII. Jesus Used Parables to Hold Peoples' Attention

- A. Jesus was a master teacher
- B. Jesus kept his hearers engaged
- C. No boredom
- D. Always interesting
- E. People were *astonished* at his doctrine
- F. Jesus taught with authority, not as the scribes

IX. Jesus Made the Complex Things of God Understandable

- A. Man cannot understand the things of God unless they are related to earthly things.
- B. Jesus used things people understood to teach very complex things.

X. Jesus Used Parables as They Were Easily Remembered

- A. People would remember his parables.
- B. People did not carry notepads or recorders. They had to remember what Jesus taught.
- C. The Gospels were written decades after the Resurrection, and still remembered by the authors.
- D. Matthew – AD 85 – 90
- E. Mark – AD 66 – 70
- F. Luke – AD 85 - 90
- G. John – AD 90 – 110
- H. Authors still remembered the parables and probably taught them often
- I. Every time a person who heard a parable saw the thing spoken about, the words of Jesus would come to mind.

XI. Jesus Did Not Cast Pearls Before Swine

- A. Only those truly seeking would understand
- B. Matthew 13:10 – And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?
- C. 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
- D. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

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- E. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
- F. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:
- G. 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.
- H. 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.
- I. 17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

XII. Parable Brought Hearers to a Point of Choice

- A. They had to receive or reject the truth
- B. They had to obey or disobey the truth

XIII. Parables Exposed Error in an Obvious Way

- A. The religious passed by the injured man but the Samaritan had compassion
- B. The elder brother was unhappy at his younger brother's return
- C. Religious prayer is with ones' self

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Lesson 10: Parables and the Interpretation of Parables

I. The List of All Parabolic Teaching by Jesus Christ

THE 70 PARABLES OF JESUS		
NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE
1	Blowing wind like God's Spirit	John 3:8
2	Fields white unto harvest	John 4:35-38
3	Our need of a Physician to reach God's Kingdom	Matthew 9:12-13, Mark 2:17, Luke 5:31-32
4	Bridegroom and Fasting	Matthew 9:14-17, Mark 2:18-20, Luke 5:33-35
5	No good to put new patch on old clothing	Matthew 9:16, Mark 2:21, Luke 5:36
6	New wine into new wineskins	Matthew 9:17, Mark 2:22, Luke 5:37-38
7	Like Father like Son	John 5:19-20
8	Know them by their fruits	Matthew 7:16-23, Luke 6:39-45
9	Build house on rock not sand	Matthew 7:24-27, Luke 6:45-49
10	John the Baptist – blowing reed? Soft clothing?	Matthew 11:16-19, Luke 7:31-35
11	Wisdom's children	Matthew 11:18-19
12	Creditor and the two Debtors	Luke 7:40-47
13	Divided kingdom & house cannot stand	Matthew 12:25-29, Mark 3:23-27, Luke 11:14-26
14	Demons can influence some people who allow them	Matthew 12:43-45
15	Sower of seed, for Kingdom of God and for Kingdom of Heaven	Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-15
16	Be like a city set on a hill	Matthew 5:14
17	Let your light so shine	Matthew 5:15-16, Mark 4:21-25, Luke 8:16-18
18	Mystery of the seed growing for the patient husbandman	Mark:26-29
19	Mustard seed like Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven	Matthew 13:31-32, Mark 4:30-34, Luke 13:18-19
20	Leaven like Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Heaven	Matthew 13:33, Luke 13:20-21
21	Mystery of the hidden treasure	Matthew 13:44
22	Pearl of great price revealed	Matthew 13:45-46

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23	Net cast into the sea, gathering people to Kingdom of Heaven	Matthew 13:47-50
24	Householder and scribe, old and new	Matthew 13:51-52
25	Blind leading the blind	Matthew 15:14-20, Mark 7:14-23
26	Servant forgiven much not forgive little	Matthew 18:23-25
27	Servant of sin freed by repentance and forgiveness through Jesus	John 8:35
28	Good Shepherd, porters, and hirelings	John 10:1-18
29	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
30	Friend in need at midnight – ask and it shall be given	Luke 11:5-8
31	A.S.K. – Ask, Seek, Knock on God’s door and it will open for you	Luke 11:9-10
32	Our loving Father provides our needs	Luke 11:11-13
33	Foolish rich man	Luke 12:13-22
34	Ravens provided by God, so are we	Luke 12:23-24
35	Thief in the night – always be prepared	Matthew 24:42-51, Mark 13:34, Luke 12:35-40
36	Fruitless fig tree needing dung	Luke 13:6-9
37	The strait narrow difficult gate to find	Luke 13:24
38	Closed door to unrepentant people who want to sin against God’s laws	Luke 13:25-30
39	Humility in taking the lowest seat	Luke 14:7-14
40	Called to the Wedding Supper	Matthew 22:1-14
41	Counting the cost of how we build	Luke 14:28-33
42	Salt that is good and salt that loses savor	Matthew 5:13, Mark 9:50, Luke 14:34-35
43	Become as little children to enter the Kingdom of Heaven	Matthew 18:3-6
44	When hands and eyes offend	Matthew 18:7-9
45	Lost and found sheep 1 in 100	Matthew 18:12-14, Luke 15:1-7
46	Lost and found coin symbolic of one sinner who repents	Luke 15:8-10
47	The prodigal rebellious son and our loving God our Father	Luke 15:11-32
48	Unjust Steward and his employer	Luke 16:1-18
49	Rich man and Lazarus the poor man *	Luke 16:19-31
50	Birds of the air are fed by God	Matthew 6:25-26

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51	Consider the Lilies and amazing flowers God has created	Matthew 6:28-30
52	Faith as a grain of mustard seed	Luke 17:6
53	Profitable and unprofitable servants	Luke 17:7-10
54	Make most of waking hours of daylight	John 11:9-10
55	Importuning persistent widow before the unjust Judge	Luke 18:1-8
56	Self-righteous Pharisee & repentant humble Publican pray in the Temple	Luke 18:9-14
57	Vineyard workers fair day's pay	Matthew 20:1-6
58	Ten servants given a pound to be profitable to God	Luke 19:11-27
59	Comparison of the wheat kernel that dies to produce many good kernels	John 12:23-25
60	Walk in God's light not in the darkness of Satan, this world and human nature	John 12:35-36
61	Two sons – one faithful the other unfaithful and rebellious	Matthew 21:28-32
62	Wicked servants in God's vineyard	Matthew 21:33-46, Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20:9-19
63	Vultures and the carcass	Matthew 24:28, Luke 17:34
64	Fig tree seasons like seasons of prophecy	Matthew 24:32-35, Mark 13:28-29, Luke 21:29-31
65	Ten Virgins who slept – 5 wise and 5 foolish before Jesus return to Earth	Matthew 25:1-13
66	Parable of the servants given five, two, and one talents	Matthew 25:14-30
67	Sheep and the Goats of the nations to be separated at Christ's return	Matthew 25:31-46
68	Christ preparing place *	John 14:2-4
69	Jesus is the Vine; we are the branches	John 15:1-8
70	Woman in childbirth is like Jesus' Resurrection.	John 16:20-22

* Not actual Parables but Parabolic-like Teaching. These are real stories.

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Lesson 11: Jesus' Use of Illustrations

I. Parabolic Teaching Uses Illustrations

- A. Jesus uses images in the mind that people were familiar with
- B. Jesus used actual things
- C. Behold the lilies
- D. Behold the fowls of the air
- E. Sower going forth to sow
- F. Himself as a bridegroom
- G. People given talents and pounds
- H. Used a child to show a right heart
- I. People who followed God as his brothers and sisters
- J. The temple being destroyed like his body
- K. Fig tree to show kingdom is nigh at hand

II. The Things Jesus Likened People To

- A. Wheat (as in fields white unto harvest)
- B. Lights that shine and glorify God
- C. City on a hill
- D. Sick people who need a physician
- E. Trees with good or bad fruit
- F. Sheep
- G. Ground on which seed falls
- H. Fish in a net
- I. Blind led by blind
- J. Salt
- K. Person with a mote or a beam in his eye

III. Parables and Illustrations Can be Carried Only So Far

- A. Illustrations should be understood as presented in the context
- B. Be careful not to carry an illustration too far so that it is not scriptural.
- C. For example, birds are fed by God, but God feeds us in a different manner (not with worms and other bird food).
- D. Do not try to invent meaning into non-supplied details.

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Lesson 12: Examples of Whom Jesus Taught and What He Taught Them

I. Read, Analyze and Discuss Each of the Cases

- A. Teacher to lead and discuss each case as he is led by God.
- B. Look at the purpose of Jesus.
- C. Look at the words Jesus used.
- D. Look at how Jesus adjusts his teaching to the individual.
- E. Look at the grace Jesus showed.
- F. Look at the responses from the hearers.

II. Nicodemus – A Religious Leader

- A. John 3:1 – There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
- B. 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
- C. 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- D. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
- E. 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- F. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- G. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
- H. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
- I. 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?
- J. 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?
- K. 11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.
- L. 12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?
- M. 13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.
- N. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
- O. 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- P. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- Q. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- R. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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- S. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- T. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.
- U. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

III. The Samaritan Woman – A Half-breed Exposed to Discrimination

- A. John 4:5 – Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
- B. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.
- C. 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
- D. 8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)
- E. 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
- F. 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.
- G. 11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?
- H. 12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?
- I. 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
- J. 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
- K. 15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.
- L. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.
- M. 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:
- N. 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.
- O. 19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.
- P. 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.
- Q. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.
- R. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.
- S. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
- T. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- U. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.
- V. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.
- W. 27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

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- X. 28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,
- Y. 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?
- Z. 30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

IV. Zacchaeus – A Chief of Publicans

- A. Luke 19:1 – And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.
- B. 2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.
- C. 3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.
- D. 4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.
- E. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.
- F. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.
- G. 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.
- H. 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.
- I. 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.
- J. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

V. Mary and Martha – Sisters Who Loved Jesus

- A. Mary was a prostitute who got saved and followed Jesus.
- B. She anointed Jesus with ointment from an alabaster box.
- C. Martha was her sister and busy with the normal things of life and operating her house.
- D. Luke 10: 38 – Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.
- E. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.
- F. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.
- G. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:
- H. 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

VI. Children

- Matthew 18:1 – At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

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- 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.
- 6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.
- 7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!
- 8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.
- 9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.
- 10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.
- 11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.
- 12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?
- 13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.
- 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.
- Matthew 19:13 – Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.
- 14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
- 15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

VII. The Pharisee and the Sinner Mary (Martha's Sister)

- A. The Pharisee had a high opinion of himself.
- B. Mary was a harlot and a sinner
- C. Luke 7:36 – And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.
- D. 37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,
- E. 38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.
- F. 39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.
- G. 40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.
- H. 41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

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- I. 42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?
- J. 43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.
- K. 44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.
- L. 45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.
- M. 46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.
- N. 47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.
- O. 48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.
- P. 49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?
- Q. 50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

VIII. Unclean Woman with an Issue of Blood

- A. Matthew 9:19 – And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.
- B. 20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:
- C. 21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.
- D. 22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.
- E. Mark 5:24 – And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.
- F. 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
- G. 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
- H. 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
- I. 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.
- J. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.
- K. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?
- L. 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?
- M. 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.
- N. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.
- O. 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

IX. A Devil-Possessed Man

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- A. Mark 5:1 – And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.
- B. 2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
- C. 3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:
- D. 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.
- E. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.
- F. 6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,
- G. 7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.
- H. 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.
- I. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.
- J. 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.
- K. 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.
- L. 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.
- M. 13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.
- N. 14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.
- O. 15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.
- P. 16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.
- Q. 17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.
- R. 18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.
- S. 19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.
- T. 20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

X. The Religious Men and the Woman Caught in Adultery

- A. John 8:1 – Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.
- B. 2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.
- C. 3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,
- D. 4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.
- E. 5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?
- F. 6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

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- G. 7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.
- H. 8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.
- I. 9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
- J. 10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?
- K. 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

XI. An Unclean Leper

- A. Mark 1:39 – And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.
- B. 40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
- C. 41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.
- D. 42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.
- E. 43 And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away;
- F. 44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

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Lesson 13: Teaching the Disciples to Pray

I. The Disciples Ask Jesus to Teach Them to Pray

- A. Luke 11:1 – And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.
- B. Jesus was the best pattern to follow for prayer.
- C. Luke 6:12 – And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.
- D. Mark 1:35 – And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.
- E. Luke 9:28 – And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.
- F. 29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.
- G. 30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:
- H. 31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.
- I. Matthew 26:39-44 – Jesus praying in the garden

II. Jesus Teaches on Prayer in the Sermon on the Mount

- A. Matthew 6:5 – And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
- B. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
- C. 7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
- D. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
- E. Jesus gives us the “manner” to pray:
- F. 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
- G. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
- H. 11 Give us this day our daily bread.
- I. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
- J. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
- K. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
- L. 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

III. Jesus Gives us the Words to “Say”

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- A. 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
- B. We are given words to say, but they should not be said in vain repetition – Matthew 6:7.
- C. Each phrase should be meditated upon and said with feeling and sincerity.
- D. This is a pattern for steps taken in prayer.

IV. **Speak to the Father**

- A. 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
- B. New Testament and Jesus introduce God as our Father.
- C. God's name is holy
- D. God is holy
- E. We should live to be holy

V. **Pray for God's Will, Do God's Will**

- A. Thy kingdom come.
- B. Thy will be done,
- C. as in heaven, so in earth.

VI. **Pray for Needs**

- A. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread.
- B. Food
- C. Other necessities – Philippians 4:19 – But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

VII. **Pray for Forgiveness**

- A. 4 And forgive us our sins;
- B. for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.
- C. 1 John 1:6 – If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
- D. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- E. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- F. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- G. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

VIII. Pray to be Delivered from Evil

- A. And lead us not into temptation;
- B. but deliver us from evil.
- C. James 1:12 – Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
- D. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
- E. 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
- F. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
- G. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.
- H. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

IX. Jesus Gives a Lesson in Importunity

- A. 5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
- B. 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
- C. 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
- D. 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.
- E. 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- F. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- G. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
- H. 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
- I. 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

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Lesson 14: Teaching with Authority

I. Jesus Taught with Authority

- A. Matthew 7:29 – For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.
- B. Matthew 9:6 – But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.
- C. 8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.
- D. Matthew 28:18 – And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

II. Not as the Scribes

- A. Matthew 7:29 – For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.
- B. Matthew 22:29 – Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
- C. Matthew 23:1 – Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,
- D. 2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:
- E. 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
- F. 4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.
- G. 5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,
- H. 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
- I. 7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

III. People were Astonished with His Doctrine

- A. Matthew 7:28 – And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:
- B. Mark 1:22 – And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.
- C. 27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.
- D. Luke 9:43 – And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,

IV. Teaching with Authority

- A. Matthew 8:9 – For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

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- B. Authority to command to GO – Matthew 28:18-20
- C. Authority to command to COME – Mathew 11:28; John 7:37
- D. Authority to command to DO – Philippians 2:13
- E. Mark 13:34 – For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.
- F. Luke 9:1 – Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.
- G. John 5:27 – And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.
- H. Luke 24:49 – And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.
- I. John 1:12 – But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

V. Jesus' Authority in Teaching Manifested

- A. His authority manifested by his **Knowledge** – he authored the word of God (John 1:1). He knows whereof he speaks.
- B. His authority manifested by the **Application** of God's word – John 13:17 – If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.
- C. His authority manifested by the **Life-giving Power** of his word – John 6:63 – It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. See also Romans 1:16.
- D. His authority manifested by his **Boldness** – John 7:26 – But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?
- E. His authority manifested by the **Permanency** of his word – Matthew 24:35 – Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.
- F. His authority manifested by the **Source** of his word – John 7:16 – Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.
- G. His authority manifested by the **Miracles** – Mark 1:27 – And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

VI. People Tend to Resist Authority

- A. People are rebellious by nature
- B. 1 Samuel 15:23 – For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.
- C. Acts 7:51 – Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.
- D. Acts 17:29 – Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.
- E. 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

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- F. 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

VII. Reasons People are Rebellious and Resist Authority

- A. They are born – rebellion is part of nature
- B. They are selfish
- C. They are disobedient by nature
- D. Man is born in sin – Romans 5:12 – Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

VIII. Attributes of Rebellious People

- A. Romans 10:3 – For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
- B. They lie
- C. They are selfish
- D. They are disobedient
- E. They do not want to be told what to do
- F. They break laws
- G. They do not follow rules
- H. They associate with other rebellious people
- I. They look for thrills
- J. They tend to want to stand out
- K. They lack common sense fear
- L. They do not fear authority
- M. They act without thinking – impulsive and eager to experience new things
- N. They lead other rebellious people
- O. They question authority
- P. They avoid long-term relationships
- Q. They are vocal about “their opinion.”
- R. They find it hard to hold a job
- S. They make people uncomfortable – not compassionate
- T. They do not care what people think
- U. Rule-breakers are their role models

IX. Christians Should be Submissive to the Right Things

- A. 1 Corinthians 16:16 – That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth. [*the ministers of the church*]
- B. Ephesians 5:21 – Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
- C. 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
- D. Colossians 3:18 – Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

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- E. Hebrews 13:17 – Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.
- F. James 4:7 – Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- G. 1 Peter 2:13 – Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; [*Also Romans 13:1-3.*]
- H. 1 Peter 5:5 – Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
- I. Acts 5:29 – Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

X. Church Leaders should Preach and Teach with Authority

- A. Always use the word of God – 2 Timothy 4:2.
- B. Always preach the gospel – Romans 1:16.
- C. Follow the Holy Ghost in liberty – John 14:26.
- D. Teach in meekness and humility – James 3:17; 2 Timothy 2:25
- E. Teach with love and compassion – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; Mark 6:34; 1 Peter 3:8

XI. The Authority of a Preacher

- A. A man has no authority in himself.
- B. His authority comes from the authority those who send him.
- C. Jesus sent the first church leaders – Matthew 28:18-20.
- D. The church in Antioch sent Barnabas and Saul – Acts 13:1-3.
- E. Romans 10:15 – And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
- F. A man's authority comes from the church (i.e., church approval).
- G. Ordination granted by church approval through a presbytery.
- H. Ordination is authority granted to preach, teach, baptize, and organize churches (Acts 13:1-3, etc.).
- I. The bible alone does not give authority to a man to preach. If so, everyone who has a bible would have authority.
- J. The church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:16), the authorizer of all works (Matthew 18:18); and the sender for all men (Acts 14:26; 15:40).

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Lesson 15: The Need for the Holy Ghost in Teaching

I. The Holy Ghost is Sealed in the Believer

- A. John 14:16 – And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
- B. 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- C. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
- D. Acts 5:32 – And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.
- E. 1 Corinthians 3:16 – Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
- F. 2 Corinthians 1:22 – Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.
- G. Ephesians 1:13 – In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

II. The Holy Ghost Teaches Us the Things of God

- A. Acts.1:2 – Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:
- B. John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
- C. John 16:13 – Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

III. The Holy Ghost Brings Things to Remembrance

- A. John 14:26 – But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- B. 2 Timothy 1:14 – That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.
- C. Ephesians 6:17 – And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

IV. The Holy Ghost Leads in What to Teach

- A. Pray about what to preach.
- B. Jude 1:20 – But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

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- C. Acts 20:28 – Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- D. Romans 8:14 – For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- E. 2 Corinthians 3:17 – Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

V. **The Holy Ghost Helps People to Understand the Things of God**

- A. John 4:23 – But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
- B. 1 Corinthians 2:13 – Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- C. Colossians 1:9 – For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
- D. 2 Timothy 2:7 – Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.
- E. 1 Corinthians 12:3 – Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
- F. 1 Corinthians 12:7 – But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
- G. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
- H. Ephesians 1:17 – That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

VI. **Paul's Testimony to the Corinthians**

- A. 1 Corinthians 2:1 – And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.
- B. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
- C. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.
- D. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
- E. 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
- F. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
- G. 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
- H. 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- I. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
- J. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- K. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even

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so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

- L. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- M. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- N. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- O. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
- P. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

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Lesson 16: Teaching with the Audience in Mind

I. God is No Respector of Persons

- A. Acts 10:34 – Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respector of persons:
- B. Romans 2:11 – For there is no respect of persons with God.
- C. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:
- D. Colossians 3:25 – But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.
- E. James 2:1 – My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.
- F. 9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

II. Types of People in the New Testament

- A. Lost
- B. Saved
- C. Jew
- D. Gentile
- E. Rich
- F. Poor
- G. Religious
- H. Sinners
- I. Male (Galatians 3:28)
- J. Female
- K. Greek
- L. Roman
- M. Barbarian (Romans 1:14)
- N. Wise
- O. Unwise
- P. Circumcision
- Q. Uncircumcision
- R. Scythian (Colossians 3:11) – nomadic Iranians (southern Siberia)
- S. Bond (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- T. Free
- U. Weak

III. Pentecost Dwellers

- A. Acts 2:5 – And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
- B. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

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- C. 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
- D. 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
- E. 9 Parthians,
- F. and Medes,
- G. and Elamites,
- H. and the dwellers in Mesopotamia,
- I. and in Judaea,
- J. and Cappadocia,
- K. in Pontus,
- L. and Asia,
- M. 10 Phrygia,
- N. and Pamphylia,
- O. in Egypt,
- P. and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene,
- Q. and strangers of Rome,
- R. Jews
- S. and proselytes,
- T. 11 Cretes
- U. and Arabians,
- V. we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

IV. **Paul Was Made All Things to All People**

- A. 1 Corinthians 9:19 – For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.
- B. 20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;
- C. 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.
- D. 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.
- E. 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

V. **Types of Audiences**

- A. Neutral – Acts 2
- B. Hostile – Acts 7; 19:28; 13:45
- C. Uninformed – Acts 19:8
- D. Informed – Acts 20
- E. Confused – Acts 19:29
- F. Expert – Acts 17:22; 18:8, 24-25
- G. Business – Acts 18:1-4
- H. Friendly – Acts 20:7
- I. Uninterested – Acts 18:17
- J. Distracted – Matthew 13:19
- K. Careful – Matthew 13:22

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- L. Ignorant – Mathew 13:19
- M. Honest – Matthew 13:23
- N. Critical – Matthew 9:34
- O. Mixed – Acts 14:4
- P. Curious – Acts 17:2119

VI. **Preach the Word**

- A. 2 Timothy 4:1 – I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
- B. 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
- C. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- D. 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
- E. The Gospel is always appropriate to preach
- F. In season – when liked
- G. Out of season – when not liked

VII. **God Gave Tongues and Desires All to Be Saved**

- A. Acts 2:4 – And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- B. Revelation 7:9 – After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
- C. Romans 16:26 – But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

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Lesson 17: Why Teach?

I. Teaching is a Commanded Activity

- A. Matthew 28:18-20
- B. 2 Timothy 2:14 – Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.
- C. Titus 2:15 – These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.
- D. Titus 3:8 – This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.
- E. 1 Timothy 4:11 – These things command and teach.

II. Teaching is God's Method

- A. Matthew 28:18-20
- B. 2 Timothy 1:11 – Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
- C. 1 Timothy 6:2 – And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.
- D. Colossians 3:16 – Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- E. 1 Corinthians 12:28 – And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

III. Souls are Saved

- A. Teach all nations
- B. Preach the Gospel to every creature
- C. Heaven and soul-winner rejoices over one sinner who repents – Luke 15

IV. New Converts are Edified

- A. Teach them to observe all things that Christ commanded
- B. 1 Peter 2:2 – As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
- C. 11] And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- D. Ephesians 4:12 – For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

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- E. 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- F. 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- G. 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
- H. 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

V. **The Students are Edified**

- A. God-called men have an opportunity in their church to prepare for the ministry.
- B. All godly teaching is helpful.
- C. God's word does not return void – Isaiah 55:11 – So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

VI. **The Saints are Edified**

- A. A church benefits from having called men
- B. A church benefits from having a seminary to training program for preachers
- D. A church benefits from having a seminary to training program for preachers
- E. A church is prepared to train men that the church prays for God to send – Matthew 9:38 – Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.
- F. Teaching is preserved through the generations – 2 Timothy 2:2
- G. Acts 13:1 – Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

VII. **The Teacher is Edified**

- A. A teacher grows and matures as he teaches
- B. A teacher is blessed as he sees his students grow and mature
- C. Luke 7:35 – But wisdom is justified of all her children.

VIII. **Church, Teacher, and Students will Receive Reward**

- A. There is reward for obedience.
- B. There is a reward for magnifying Jesus Christ in one's life.
- C. There is a reward for edifying the brethren.

IX. **A Teacher Should Not Teach for Reward**

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- A. Do not teach for reward
- B. Freely received, freely give – Matthew 10
- C. Not for filthy lucre's sake – 1 Peter 5
- D. Buy the Truth and Sell it Not – Proverbs 23:23

X. The Problem with Charging Tuition

- A. Tuition puts a price on God's work
- B. Tuition limits who can be taught
- C. Tuition violates the Doctrine of Christ
- D. Tuition sets a bad precedent
- E. Tuition shows the teachers are not following the commandments of Christ – Matthew 10:8
- F. Acceptable to buy truth, but not to see – Proverbs 23:23
- G. Teachers are obligated to teach even if a student is a scorner
- H. Scorners can get credit even if they study insincerely
- I. Charging tuition usually tends to schools seeking quantity, not quality.
- J. When tuition is expected, it creates a need that has to be filled.

XI. Bad Doctrine of Teachers

- A. Teachers should do and teach – Acts 1:1
- B. Hypocrisy is saying but not doing.
- C. Matthew 23:3 – All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
- D. False teachers usually seek lucre.
- E. Titus 1:11 – Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

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Lesson 18: Who Teaches?

I. God Teaches

- A. 1 Corinthians 11:14 – Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?
- B. Romans 1:18 – For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;
- C. 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.
- D. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
- E. 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- F. 1 Thessalonians 4:9 – But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

II. Jesus Teaches

- A. Matthew 4:23 – And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
- B. Matthew 9:35 – And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.
- C. Matthew 11:1 – And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.
- D. Matthew 26:55 – In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.
- E. Acts 1:1 – The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
- F. Galatians 1:12 – For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

III. The Holy Ghost Teaches

- A. John 14:26 – But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- B. 1 Corinthians 2:13 – Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

IV. God-Called Men Teach

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- A. Acts 4:18 – And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.
- B. Acts 5:25 – Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.
- C. 28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.
- D. 42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.
- E. Acts 11:26 – And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.
- F. Acts 13:1 – Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
- G. Acts 15:35 – Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.
- H. Acts 20:20 – And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,
- I. 1 Corinthians 12:28 – And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
- J. 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
- K. Ephesians 4:11 – And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- L. 1 Timothy 3:2 – A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

V. Church Members Teach

- A. Romans 12:7 – Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;
- B. Titus 2:3 – The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
- C. 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- D. Colossians 3:16 – Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

VI. All People Teach Something – Even if it is Bad

- A. Acts 15:1 – And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.
- B. 2 Timothy 4:3 – For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

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- C. Titus 1:11 – Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.
- D. 2 Peter 2:1 – But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
- E. Revelation 2:20 – Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
- F. Revelation 2:14 – But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

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Lesson 19: Who is to be Taught?

I. All People Should Be Taught

- A. Lost to be taught about salvation
- B. Saved to be taught about baptism
- C. Saved and baptized to be taught the Doctrine of Christ
- D. Mark 16:15 – And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

II. All Nations are to Be Taught

- A. Matthew 28:19 – Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- B. Mark 13:10 – And the gospel must first be published among all nations.
- C. Luke 24:47 – And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- D. Acts 17:24 – God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;
- E. 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;
- F. 26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;
- G. 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:
- H. 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.
- I. 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.
- J. 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:
- K. 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.
- L. Romans 1:5 – By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:
- M. Romans 16:26 – But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:
- N. Galatians 3:8 – And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

III. Men to be Taught to be Prepared for the Ministry

- A. Acts 20:20 – And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

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- B. 2 Timothy 2:1 – Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- C. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
- D. Titus 1:9 – Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

IV. Children are to be Taught

- A. Matthew 19:14 – But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
- B. Ephesians 6:1 – Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
- C. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
- D. Colossians 3:6 – For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
- E. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
- F. 21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.
- G. 1 Timothy 3:4 – One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
- H. 12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.
- I. Proverbs 22:6 – Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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Lesson 20: What is to be Taught?

I. Jesus has the Preeminence in All Things

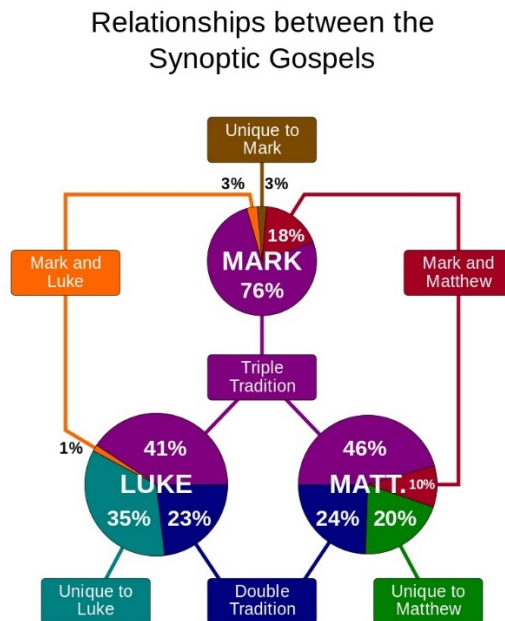
- A. Colossians 1:16 – For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
- B. 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- C. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

II. All Should have a Thorough Understanding of the Gospels

- A. Gospels should be at the core of all material
- B. All teaching and preaching begins and ends with Jesus
- C. What Jesus said
- D. What Jesus taught
- E. What Jesus commanded
- F. What Jesus did

III. The Gospels are a Multiplicity of Testimony

- A. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are synoptic

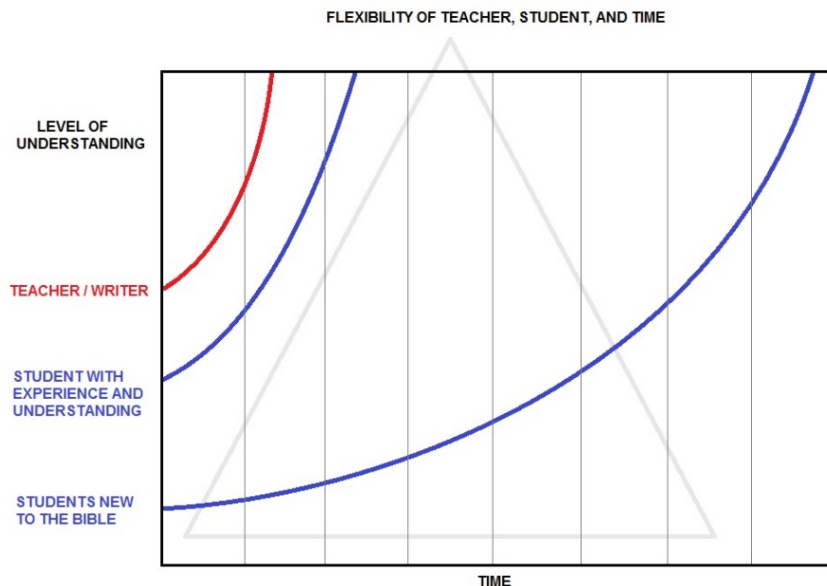


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- B. Matthew 18:16 – But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
- C. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
- D. 1 Corinthians 14:27 – If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.
- E. 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.
- F. 2 Corinthians 13:1 – This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.
- G. 1 Timothy 5:19 – Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.
- H. Hebrews 10:28 – He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

IV. The Teacher Has to Use Discretion When Teaching

- A. Keep advanced students moving along.
- B. Take the necessary time for new learners or new information.
- C. Rely on the leading of the Holy Ghost when teaching.
- D. Teacher is to be flexible.
- E. All students are different and have different needs.



- F. Some students learn faster, some slower.
- G. All learn the same material over time. See illustration above.

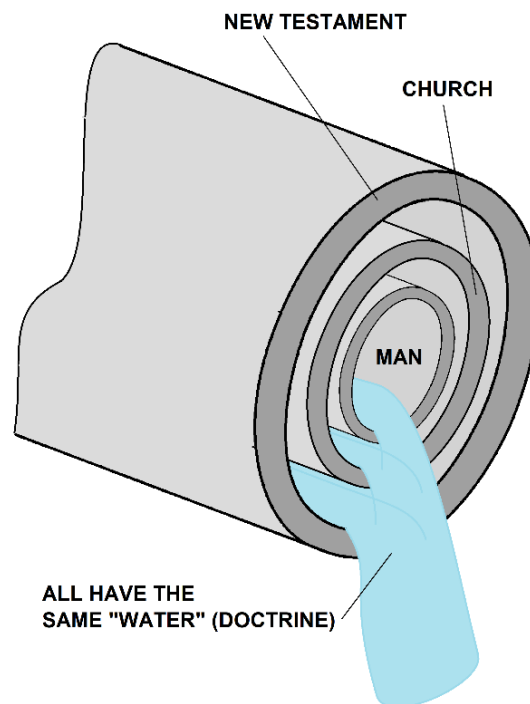
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V. Teaching the Same Water

- A. Teacher, New Testament, and church should all be aligned in teaching material
- B. Harmony in doctrine requires all parts walking in the truth
- C. God, the Spirit, and the word of God are truth
- D. Men are to walk in the Spirit – Galatians 5:16

VI. Illustration of Having the “Same Water”

- A. The New Testament, the church, and the sent man all to have the same “water” (doctrine)
- B. The illustration helps to visualize proper order
- C. Shows when a man needs to change church or self
- D. 3 concentric pipes should all have the same water
- E. Church to align its doctrine with the New Testament
- F. Man to align his doctrine to the New Testament
- G. Church and man are aligned to the New Testament



VII. Acts and the Epistles to Be Taught as Followers of the Gospels

- A. Jesus is the Author and Finisher of our faith.
- B. The Gospels show Jesus' life and words.
- C. Acts and the Epistles are of equal inspiration but are addendums to the Gospels.
- D. They are like inspired commentaries that explain Jesus in and his work in detail.

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- E. No teaching in Acts or the Epistles contradict the Gospels.
- F. Acts and Epistles to be interpreted by the Gospels.

VIII. The Book of Revelation

- A. The Book of Revelation is the Revelation of *Jesus Christ*.
- B. The Revelation is a book of *future* prophecy after chapter 3.
- C. John is the author, and he writes the words of Jesus to the seven churches in Asia Minor.
- D. John told to write the things which he had seen, which are, and which are to come
- E. Revelation 1:19 – Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;
- F. The Gospels are the *revelation* of Jesus Christ the first time.
- G. John's Revelation is the *revelation* of Jesus Christ the Second time.
- H. Gospels reveal Christ past.
- I. Revelations reveals Christ future.
- J. The Acts, the Epistles, and the first two chapters of Revelation record the time between Christ's first and second coming.

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Lesson 21: How Do We Teach?

I. We Teach the Truth of the New Testament by Word and Works

- A. Without hypocrisy
- B. Do and teach – Acts 1:1
- C. The Teacher should always be prepared for class. He does this by study and by doing (obedience).
- D. Matthew 5:19 – Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- E. James 1:22 – But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- F. Galatians 6:7 – Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

II. We Teach in Love

- A. John 21:16 – He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
- B. 17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
- C. 1 Corinthians 13:1 – Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- D. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
- E. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

III. We Teach in Humility and Meekness

- A. 1 Timothy 6:11 – But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
- B. 2 Timothy 2:25 – In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
- C. Titus 3:2 – To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.
- D. James 1:21 – Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
- E. James 3:13 – Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
- F. 1 Peter 3:15 – But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

IV. We Teach with All Longsuffering and Doctrine

- A. Ephesians 4:1 – I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- B. 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- C. 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- D. 2 Timothy 3:10 – But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,
- E. 2 Timothy 4:2 – Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

V. We Teach from the General to the Specific

- A. General preaching hits all the topics.
- B. Preaching on particular sin only applies to the guilty.
- C. There are times to preach on sin in particular.

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Lesson 22: Teaching in a Church Setting

I. The Church is the Pillar and Ground of the Truth

- A. 1 Timothy 3:15 – But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
- B. Galatians 2:9 – And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.
- C. Mark 14:49 – I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.
- D. Acts 20:20 – And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

II. Start and End all Services with Prayer

- A. Matthew 21:13 – And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- B. Except for Lord's Supper – end with a hymn
- C. Matthew 26:30 – And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

III. Do Not Charge for Teaching

- A. Matthew 10:7 – And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- B. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
- C. 2 Corinthians 11:7 – Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?
- D. 1 Timothy 3:3 – Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
- E. 8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
- F. Titus 1:7 – For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
- G. 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.
- H. 1 Peter 5:2 – Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

IV. One Man in Charge

- A. One person leads the teaching and preaching.
- B. Not a free for all
- C. 1 Corinthians 14:40 – Let all things be done decently and in order.

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- D. 1 Corinthians 14:33 – For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.
- E. Any participation should be requested (i.e., any comments?) or allowed to a limit (we can ask questions at the end of the presentation).
- F. Lead confidently, but humbly and with a servant's heart.
- G. Anything with more than one head is a monster. Avoid "Bible studies" that do not have a leader.

V. Ministers to be Prepared

- A. 2 Timothy 2:15 – Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- B. 2 Timothy 3:16 – All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- C. 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
- D. Preaching and teaching is the overflow of study.
- E. 2 Timothy 2:21 – If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

VI. United or Divided?

- A. Services should not have respect of persons – James 2:1-5
- B. Services should allow families
- C. Families should not have to be separated during church services
- D. Offering class for all ages is good in case a family wants to be separated.
- E. Teaching can be adjusted to each level.
- F. Nursery can be helpful for parents to focus during services.

VII. Teaching Principles

- A. Encourage attendance
- B. Emphasize times – arrive early and leave late. Finish early enough for following activities.
- C. Have respect for all.
- D. Follow the Holy Ghost.
- E. Pray for your class and for yourself to do a good job.
- F. Use the New Testament and make it real – text driven teaching.
- G. Look for life-changing subjects.
- H. Be encouraging.
- I. Be joyful.
- J. Be prepared – use good outlines.
- K. Have a place conducive for teaching and learning.
- L. Assess the needs of your students and minister to those needs.
- M. Be flexible in cases where students learn differently.
- N. Do not overload.
- O. Be organized.
- P. Have quality and applicable material.

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- Q. Have effective transfer of knowledge – assimilation.
- R. Encourage motivation to learn.
- S. Make learning interesting.
- T. Teachers should always be learning.
- U. Teacher should be writers

VIII. Effective Teaching Methods

- A. Focus on learning rather than teaching
- B. Sometimes “less is more”
- C. Emphasize understanding over knowledge
- D. Understanding comes by doing
- E. Make students think
- F. Use active learning and interactive teaching
- G. Encourage questions
- H. Do not use yes and no questions, but open-ended questions.
- I. Use illustrations – Jesus did.
- J. Make things interesting.
- K. Keep things simple.

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Lesson 23: Teaching at Home

I. Teaching at Home is the First and Foremost Place for Teaching

- A. Deuteronomy 6:6 – And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
- B. 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
- C. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.
- D. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.
- E. Deuteronomy 11:19 – And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
- F. Psalms 127:1 – Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.
- G. 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
- H. 3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
- I. 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.
- J. 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.
- K. Psalms 101:2 – I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
- L. 7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
- M. Proverbs 12:7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.
- N. Proverbs 14:1 – Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.
- O. 11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.
- P. Proverbs 24:3 – Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:
- Q. 4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
- R. Ecclesiastes 10:18 – By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.
- S. Joshua 24:15 – And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

II. Parents to Teach Children

- A. Ephesians 6:4 – And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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- B. Psalms 128:1 – Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.
- C. 2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
- D. 3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.
- E. 4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.
- F. 5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
- G. 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

III. Husband to Teach his Wife

- A. 1 Corinthians 14:35 – And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.
- B. Ephesians 5:22 – Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
- C. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
- D. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
- E. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- F. 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- G. 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
- H. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

IV. Obeying Jesus is Wise

- A. Matthew 7:24 – Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- B. 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
- C. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
- D. 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

V. Keep Bad Doctrine Out of the House

- A. 2 John 1:7 – For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
- B. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.
- C. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

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- D. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:
- E. 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.
- F. Ephesians 4:14 – That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

VI. Parents Who Homeschool Their Children are Doing the Work of the Lord

- A. Are indeed qualified in normal cases
- B. Ephesians 6:1 – Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
- C. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
- D. They have access to many types of programs and can tailor a program to a child
- E. They often feel they do not do a good job, but in actuality their children are way ahead of the government school level.
- F. Be not discouraged in this work.
- G. Below image is humorous – do not take it seriously!



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VII. **Paper Written to Defend Homeschooling**

- A. This preacher and his wife homeschooled all nine of his children from 1987 to 2016.
- B. We used our own system, A.C.E., Switched-On Schoolhouse, BEKA, etc.
- C. We had a book reading series from Christian Liberty.
- D. We avoided television.
- E. Schedule for teaching was always fluid.
- F. We used what worked but always looked to improve.
- G. All children are prosperous.
- H. Oldest child maxed out the State Equivalency Test – G.E.D. and did not need to prepare for it. She actually helped the teacher prepare other students during the program. She was the top student in the State G.E.D. graduation that year.
- I. One son is a U. S. Postmaster over a variety of offices and also a pastor of a church he started.
- J. One son manages the on-line services of a Psychological Care Group of over 1000 doctors and is the Youth Pastor at his church.
- K. One son is the State Chaplain for the VNA and is a pastor.
- L. One son is the supervisor of 3-D Animation at a large company.
- M. Three daughters are married and work in the home – before marriage one was a teller, one was a pseudo-supervisor for the Post Office, and one was a Post Office clerk.
- N. One unmarried daughter is an accountant at a large Law Firm in Boston.
- O. One daughter was a Pharmacy Tech but now works in records for a cardiologist.
- P. We had to defend ourselves against the State School Commissioner in the mid-nineties as they wanted to involve themselves in the teaching program of our children. By God's grace we prevailed and had liberty to train up our children in the way of the Lord without government involvement.
- Q. Below is a paper submitted to the State Commissioner of Education.

STATEMENT OF RELIGIOUS CONVICTION

REASONS WHY PARENTS SHOULD EDUCATE THEIR OWN CHILDREN
and
WHY ONE SHOULD NOT REQUIRE GOVERNMENT APPROVAL TO DO SO.

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The main issues to be argued should be whether government approval of a RELIGIOUSLY PROTECTED RIGHT is lawful, necessary, or right, over the objections of a believer; and whether the God-given obligation to educate one's child is a religiously protected right.

Divided into its parts, the questions are:

1. May government require a license or restrain the exercise of the First Amendment Right to FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION?
2. Is government approval even necessary if the parents are fulfilling their religious and God-given responsibility to train up their children as the word of God commands?

The assertion is:

OUR RELIGION, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AND CONSCIENCE DEMAND THAT PARENTS TRAIN UP THEIR OWN CHILDREN AND DO SO WITHOUT SEEKING APPROVAL FROM CAESAR; AND THAT THEY CAN AND DO FULFILL THEIR GOD-GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY AND NEED NO GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.

ARGUMENT:

First of all, to fully understand the truth of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, one must have the Holy Ghost, who is sealed inside a believer when he believes:

In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation:
in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
Ephesians 1:13

Jesus Christ alone is the Way of Salvation, and faith in Him alone, is what God has required for Salvation. God has said in His word:

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father,
but by me.
John 14:6

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and:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

and again:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
Romans 10:9

The Gospel of Salvation:

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.
1 Corinthians 15:2-4

And so, one must obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be saved, and with salvation the Holy Ghost is given. With the Holy Ghost, the things of God can be discerned, the commandments of God can be fulfilled, and through faith and His word we follow Him.

Because God lives in the Christian believer by means of the Holy Ghost, and because the Christian believer has the word of God (the Holy Bible); Christian parents are able to fully teach their children with God's help, successfully fulfilling every requirement which God has put upon them. As the Christian church of our Lord Jesus Christ has the promises and authority of Almighty God (Matthew 16:18; 28:18-20), and because the church is the "pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15); religious instruction of the parents and the children are complete, and they need no other beside our Heavenly Father to guide them, approve them, or in any way evaluate their responsibility.

God, in His word, requires the believer to provide the necessary things for his family, by the hand of God; and to be diligent in the training of children:

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.
1 Timothy 5:8

God knows and cares about His servants. Speaking of Abraham, God says:

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.
Genesis 18:19

Psalms 1:6 says:

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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2 Timothy 2:19 says:

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

God instructs His servants how to deal with life and others:

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

2 Timothy 2:22-26

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

Christian parents are fully equipped by God to completely carry out what He commands them to do. They require no overseer other than God the Father. God would be unjust to require of a man a thing which he cannot do. It is admitting that God is unjust to declare one's need of the State to fulfill the commandments of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted to that a man hath, *and* not according to that he hath not.

2 Corinthians 8:12

I think it is obvious to anyone with a sound mind that the State, specifically a school district, rarely follows God or the Bible, and that it usually functions in a manner as if it were not accountable to God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Born-again Christian parents, in contrast, understand that they are accountable to God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and should live their lives as led by God and the Holy Bible.

Religiously motivated parents, because of their responsibility to God and the Lord Jesus Christ, do not approve of government involvement in the training of their children.

The Bible instructs us what is the proper order of the family. It is as follows:

The child is under the responsibility and authority of the parents, hence the Fifth Commandment given in the word of God:

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

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Exodus 20:12

The parents in turn, are under the responsibility and authority of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and are responsible before God to train up their children according to God's law:

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
Deuteronomy 6:7

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
Ephesians 6:4

When the government State, which was instituted by God *after* He had instituted the family, attempts to dictate or require certain curricula, or assert their authority *BETWEEN* God and the parents, *OVER* God, or *BETWEEN* the parents and the child; those parents are obligated by God to resist.

We thank God and the Lord Jesus Christ because we live in this Great Country which has religious freedom. History shows this was due in a large part to some Baptists in the State of Rhode Island, over three hundred years ago, who were instrumental in the State's first charter.

We also, as children of God, understand our Biblical obligation to render unto Caesar that which is his, and to obey the just laws of the State that promote righteousness, peace, and the liberty we have from God (Romans 13:1-10).

These things we strive to do.

However, when in the course of life the State requires a child of God to submit to their authority against the dictates of God's word, that believer is bound by a higher Law – the Law of God.

Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.
Acts 5:29

God forbid that this should happen. We thank God for the high law of this Nation – the U. S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which public servants swear to uphold and defend, which is a higher law than those of the States.

The First Amendment of the U. S. Bill of Rights states in part:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof....

In fact, even the history of Rhode Island is well-known for its righteous protection of religious freedom.

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In the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Article I of the Declaration of Rights states in part:

...and that every man shall be free to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience....

The Rhode Island charter, in force before the U. S. Constitution, from July 1663 to May 1843 – the first State charter with religious freedom – states in part:

Now, know ye, that we, being willing to encourage the hopeful understanding of our said and loyal subjects, and to secure them in the free exercise and enjoyment of all their civil and religious rights, appertaining to them, as our loving subjects; and to preserve unto them that liberty in the true Christian faith and worship of God, which they have sought with much travail, and with peaceable minds, and loyal subjection to our royal progenitors and ourselves, to enjoy; and because some of the people and inhabitants of the same colony cannot, in their private opinions, conform to the public exercise of religion, according to the liturgy, forms and ceremonies of the Church of England, or take or subscribe the oaths and articles made and established in that behalf; and for that the same, by reason of the remote distances of those places will (as we hope) be no breach of the unity and uniformity established in this nation: Have therefore thought fit, and do hereby publish, grant, ordain and declare, That our royal will and pleasure is, **that no person within the said colony, at any time hereafter shall be any wise molested, punished, disquieted, or called into question, for any differences in opinion in matters of religion, and do not actually disturb the civil peace of our said colony; but that all and every person and persons may, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, freely and fully have and enjoy his and their own judgments and consciences, in matters of religious concerns, throughout the tract of land hereafter mentioned,** they behaving themselves peaceably and quietly, and not using this liberty to licentiousness and profaneness, nor to the civil injury or outward disturbance of others, any law, statute, or clause therein contained, or to be contained, usage or custom of this realm, to the contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

We therefore believe that Christian parents have the God-given and Constitutionally-protected liberty and right to exercise their religious faith, especially in the training of their children, and that any State control is a violation of these parents' conscience and their obligation to God.

Again, we believe it is a free exercise of our religion for Christian parents to train up their children as they see fit before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, as they have that obligation; and to train them up in the way they should go, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord: without government license, approval, registration, or any other type of permission or control.

There was a time in this country when some States legislated and controlled who could preach and teach the Bible. Believers called of God were required to seek government approval so that they could fulfill the Great Commission to religiously teach others. Our Nation's forefathers saw the folly of such things. Now it seems some would attempt to regulate the teaching of one's own children.

In Luke 11:23, the Lord Jesus Christ said:

He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

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If government schools were “with” our Lord Jesus Christ, we should have some common ground: they would sincerely understand the Biblical precept of the parents’ responsibility to train their children according to the requirements of the word of God.

We contend that any institution without the Bible, prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Law of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ being taught consistently and being interwoven in the fabric of the curricula; and which asserts authority to decide the affairs of Christian parents who teach their children over these parents’ religious objection, is, according to the word of God, not with Christ, and therefore of necessity is against Christ (or anti-christ).

Christian parents cannot, with a right conscience before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and to remain faithful to the word of God; allow such institutions to dictate, or in any way control the training of their children.

It has been said that:

True education must be Christian and must consistently teach and present all subjects in a Biblical framework, interpreting all facts in the light of God’s purposes in creation and providence, as revealed in the Scriptures, to the end that all things will find their ultimate purpose, meaning, significance, and relationship to the whole, in the transcendental, eternal, infinite, immutable, triune God of the Scriptures. AMEN.

George Washington (1732 - 1799), our First American President, 1788 - 1796, said:

It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858 - 1919), Twenty-sixth American President said:

Mere education without divine guidance, is like handing a gun to an irresponsible man. To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society. We plead for a closer, wider, and deeper study of the Bible, so that our people may be in fact, as well as in theory, “doers of the word, and not hearers only.” No educated man can afford to be ignorant of the Bible. It is necessary for the welfare of the nation that men’s lives be based on the principles of the Bible.

Christian parents’ motive for the training of their children is first, love for God and the Lord Jesus Christ; then, an overwhelming desire to keep the commandments and precepts of the word of God; and then, extreme love and consideration for the welfare of their own children: to see them trained according to God’s word, to be productive, God-fearing citizens, so that they can be best used of God for His honor and glory. Christian parents wish to give credit to God, and to Him *only*, for the bringing-up of their children; and know that He alone gets the glory for their child’s success. God, in His ultimate wisdom, has chosen the child’s parents to carry out the great responsibility of training their children.

It is understandable, considering the government schools’ record, that the State should desire to seek the education of its citizens, and to regulate it; but in the case of Christian education, this is neither the will of God, nor of the Christian parents who object to such government interference.

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Using the words of Nehemiah (2:20) we believe: “The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial in this work.”

The logic of our argument proceeds as follows:

1. God instituted the family before the government or the church.
2. God ordained marriage for the purpose of raising a godly seed.
3. God commands parents to instruct their children, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and for children to honor their parents, so that God’s will can be accomplished.
4. God fully equips these parents to fulfill His commandments.
5. God’s blessings are upon the household that obeys his commandments.
6. The State, as a Divinely ordained institution, has been nowhere in the Bible commanded to usurp this parental responsibility before Almighty God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
7. We therefore judge, believe, and maintain that God and the Lord Jesus Christ have committed to the parents alone the right and obligation, over any other institution, to train and educate their children.
8. We also contend that this right is an essential part to our faith, and that it is also protected by the U. S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Education is religious, and the parents are accountable to God for the instruction of their children. They cannot therefore, in good conscience, come under the control of civil authorities with respect to the education of their children.

9. We also believe that our Great Nation provides for the free exercise of this right to freely worship God according to our consciences and the Holy Bible. (Supreme Court in 1965 stated, “The right to educate one’s child as one chooses is made applicable to the States by the First and Fourteenth Amendments.”)
10. Therefore it is not necessary or right for the State to dictate, oversee, approve, or in any way control the training given by Christian parents, as God has supplied all their need according to His riches in Christ Jesus.

We are indeed thankful to God and the Lord Jesus Christ because we live in this country, and that this government recognizes and protects our God-given rights; one of these rights being religious worship as one sees fit.

We rely first on our Lord Jesus Christ for His strength and protection. If it be His will, we pray that He would, by His grace, continue to protect Christian parents who educate and train their children according to the dictates and standards of the word of God, from the interference and attacks of outside agencies.

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And, as one wise man once said, “I dare not change Christ’s laws for the sake of avoiding difficulty.” May God help us.

Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD:
and the fruit of the womb *is his* reward.

Psalms 127:3

54 UNIQUE BENEFITS OF HOMESCHOOLING

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[Editor's note – The author may have been *a little slow* in school 😊.]

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Parents, is homeschooling the right choice for you and your children? Maybe you think you do not have the time to homeschool because you work. Perhaps you do not have confidence in your ability to teach your kids because you never took “teaching” courses.

But consider the alternative. Public schools can destroy your children's self-esteem, destroy their ability to read, strangle their love of learning, put them in physical and moral danger, and wreck their future.

In contrast, here is 54 unique benefits homeschooling can give you and your kids, as written and explained by Laura B., a smart, wonderful wife, mother of three, homeschooler, and business owner who works from home and still focuses on her family!

Homeschooling (or low-cost internet private schools), can have the following extraordinary benefits for you and your children:

1. Be with Your Family.
2. Set Your Own Schedule.
3. Vacation When You Want.
4. Choose curriculum that best suits the needs of your child.
5. Be totally aware of the state and progress of your child's education.
6. Keep your child away from un-necessary peer pressure.
7. Keep your child away from the bad influence of other children.
8. Love, nurture, and teach your child the character and morals you value most.
9. Make learning fun.
10. Make learning as “experiential” as you want.
11. Do not have to get up at the crack of dawn to get your child dressed and fed and off to school where they are so tired they do not learn well anyway.
12. Break up the day however you want to fit your child's learning attention span.
13. Teach your child without any “assumed limitations.” Teach multiple languages, develop one skill or subject – the sky's the limit.
14. What you teach an older child naturally filters down to the younger child(ren) making learning must easier and faster for siblings.
15. Teach at the pace and developmental stage appropriate for your child.
16. Avoid educational “labeling.”
17. Keep your child as far away from drugs as possible.
18. Never have to worry about bomb scares or mass shootings.
19. Allow your child to do think, discuss, and explore in ways not possible in a classroom setting.
20. Constant positive reinforcement and gentle correction. No abusive words or actions that scar your child's psyche.
21. Do not use the school system as a babysitter. You only need a few hours for learning--the rest of the day is filled with unnecessary “busy work.”
22. Develop life skills such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing that are easily learned with the additional time spent at home.
23. Spend as much time outdoors as you want to enjoy nature and the world around us.

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24. Teach the value of responsibility by providing daily jobs.
25. To make money management as natural as breathing by allowing even small children to do tasks, earn money, save it, and spend it in an appropriate manner.
26. Never have your child beat up by a bully. Teach self-defense skills that will enable him to deal with any situation but not until he is mature enough to handle the emotional aspects of confrontation.
27. No pressure or set "expectations" from teachers on a younger sibling that follows an older sibling in the same school.
28. Be around when your child needs to talk.
29. Take a break when your child needs a break.
30. Bond as a family through family group activities.
31. Pass on your religious beliefs and morals to your children and stay away from the "indoctrination" of other school systems.
32. Teach sex education when you and how you want.
33. Develop your child's imagination and teach diverse problem-solving skills instead of one institutionalized method of thinking.
34. Unlimited possibilities for extracurricular activities that interest your child having to live up to the expectations or skills of others.
35. Develop the individualism of your child.
36. Avoid traditional school "group activities" that may leave one student doing all the work or ruining it for everyone else.
37. Never have your child feel the failure, embarrassment, or teasing from "failing" a grade.
38. To keep your children out of the care, custody, and control of people you do not know and who naturally teach their philosophy of life whether they realize it or not.
39. No opportunity for your child to "sluff off," "snow-blow," or "just get by" with academics.
40. To have your child learn initiative naturally as there is no peer pressure or fear of embarrassing himself.
41. Allow your child to have input and say in subject matter and style.
42. Allow your child to focus on growth and development--not following the latest fad or being in a certain group.
43. So your child will only be surrounded by people who love him, encourage him, and want the best for him.
44. Make sure your child does not end up graduating without knowing how to read or knowing other basic skills due to educational failings of your local schools.
45. Keep your child out of private schools that have peer pressure, teacher criticism, drugs, sex, and alcohol that your child never needs to be around.
46. Avoid grading scales and testing that gives no positive benefit to your child.
47. Not to give the state or federal government control of your child that they assume is theirs.
48. To easily pass on your unique heritage or language to your child.
49. So your child is not limited by "age" or "grade" to advance or explore academics in which they are interested or gifted.
50. To teach your children to enjoy life.
51. To allow your children to go to work with Mom or Dad when you all want--not just on the one "go to work with a parent holiday."
52. As many field trips as you want, to places that interest your child.
53. To just take a day off when everyone feels like it.
54. Flexibility to switch or experiment with different curriculum.

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Parents, if you are disgusted with public schools and want your children to have the great education they deserve, why not consider homeschooling? Millions of parents now homeschool their kids, and many of these parents are only high-school graduates.

In the last three chapters of *Public Schools, Public Menace*, you will find many ways to homeschool your kids or use internet private schools, even if you work. Homeschooling can be a lot easier and take a lot less time than you think. It can also bring you great joy in teaching your children.

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Lesson 24: Teaching at Work

I. Always Be an Example of a Christian

- A. Colossians 3:23 – And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
- B. 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
- C. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.
- D. Be respectful of everyone
- E. Be diligent
- F. Avoid bad behavior
- G. Show up and leave on time
- H. Speak carefully
- I. Dress appropriately
- J. Be a lover of souls

II. Christian Business Owners Have Liberty in Evangelization

- A. Owners set the standards for the company
- B. Owners can advertise as they desire
- C. Owners must respect employees and follow discrimination laws
- D. Owners can decide whom they hire

III. Employees and Workers to Take Advantage of Opportunities

- A. Employees agree to the company's rules
- B. Employees are not paid to murmur, complain, or work counter to the company's objectives.
- C. Employees not to steal or purloin
- D. Employees to be diligent, keep their word, meet deadlines
- E. Always be a good testimony
- F. 1 Peter 3:15 – But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

IV. Various Passages on Work in General

- A. Matthew 5:16 – Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
- B. Matthew 10:10 – Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.
- C. Galatians 6:4 – But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.
- D. Ephesians 2:10 – For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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- E. 1 Thessalonians 4:11 – And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;
- F. 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
- G. 17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.
- H. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 – For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.
- I. 11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.
- J. 12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.
- K. Titus 2:7 – In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
- L. 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
- M. Titus 3:1 – Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,
- N. 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.
- O. 14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

V. Various Passages on Work for the Lord

- A. Matthew 5:16 – Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
- B. Matthew 10:10 – Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.
- C. John 4:34 – Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
- D. John 9:4 – I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- E. John 17:4 – I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
- F. Acts 14:26 – And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.
- G. 1 Corinthians 15:58 – Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
- H. Galatians 6:4 – But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.
- I. Ephesians 2:10 – For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
- J. Philippians 2:13 – For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

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- K. 1 Thessalonians 1:3 – Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;
- L. 1 Thessalonians 5:13 – And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.
- M. 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
- N. 17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.
- O. 2 Timothy 2:15 – Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- P. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.
- Q. Hebrews 6:10 – For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
- R. James 1:25 – But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- S. James 2:26 – For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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Lesson 25: Teaching at Play

I. Using Play to Teach

- A. Teaching can be made interesting and fun
- B. Good when there is time
- C. Good for students with short attention spans
- D. Good to break up long teaching sessions
- E. Many Christian youth meetings and camps use games to teach the Bible

II. Learning while Playing

- A. Use play time to learn
- B. Use rest times to learn
- C. Take advantage of learning new things by making it a game
- D. Make play challenging
- E. Certain games like puzzles, word games, crossword puzzles, Scrabble, etc. help the brain exercise to be flexible in bible study.

III. Types of Play

- A. Unoccupied play (little activity and without games – sightseeing, problem-solving, etc.)
- B. Independent play (playing alone)
- C. Onlooker play (watching and enjoying, spectators)
- D. Parallel play (playing separately but at the same time)
- E. Associative play (getting involved in other's play)
- F. Cooperative play (playing well with others)
- G. Competitive play (board games, sports, teams)
- H. Constructive play (building blocks, sand, tiles)
- I. Fantasy or dramatic play (dress-up, imagination, functioning a certain way)
- J. Physical play (gross and fine motor skills; climbing, physical play, fitness skills)
- K. Symbolic play (drawing, music, clay, etc.)

IV. Methods of Play

- A. Building Blocks
- B. Strategy Games (chess, card games, etc.)
- C. Problem Solving
- D. Untangle games
- E. Making order out of chaos (Bingo, Rubik's Cube, Solitaire)
- F. Puzzles
- G. Word games
- H. Question and Answers
- I. Bible trivia
- J. Body Language Games

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- K. Memory Games
- L. Scripture memorization
- M. Language
- N. Accuracy
- O. Physical accomplishment (egg toss, obstacle courses, etc.)

V. **Things Learned While at Play**

- A. Listening
- B. Following instructions
- C. Following rules
- D. Making decisions
- E. Living with the decisions made
- F. Internal skills
- G. Social skills
- H. Expected vs. Unexpected results
- I. Learn to win gracefully
- J. Learn to lose gracefully
- K. Manage feelings
- L. See other peoples' perspectives
- M. Cooperation
- N. Team support
- O. Competition
- P. Taking turns
- Q. Patience
- R. Negotiation
- S. Leadership
- T. Invention
- U. Creativity
- V. Challenges met
- W. Overcome shyness
- X. Empathy for others winning or losing
- Y. Usually people are happy at play
- Z. Visualization of invisible concepts

VI. **Using Entertainment**

- A. Attention getters
- B. Skits
- C. Drama
- D. Music – 150 Psalm
- E. Poems
- F. Sound effects
- G. Humor
- H. Satire
- I. Logical questions

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VII. Experience Fun

- A. Science Projects
- B. Gardening
- C. Machine building
- D. Carpentry
- E. Hide and Seek
- F. Treasure Hunt
- G. Hiking and adventure – Nature walks – see how God created

VIII. All Play Should Honor Christ

- A. Esteeming others
- B. Encouraging others
- C. Without malice
- D. Without humiliation or insult
- E. Learn a Bible principle
- F. Show love and compassion

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Lesson 26: All Teachers are Writers

I. Scripture is *Written*

- A. God uses *written matter* to preserve his instructions.
- B. 2 Timothy 3:16
- C. Luke 1:3
- D. Written for our learning:
- E. Romans 15:4 – For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.
- F. 1 Corinthians 10:11 – Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

II. We Can Follow the Example of the New Testament Writers

- A. Gospel writers – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- B. Epistle writers – Paul, Peter, James, John, and Jude
- C. Put things in writing to be remembered – 2 Peter 1:12-15; 3:1; Jude 1:5
- D. Put things in writing as a witness (testimony) to others – Matthew 5:31; Luke 1:63
- E. Put things in writing as a testament to others – Matthew 27:37
- F. Put things in writing as a record – Luke 16:6-7
- G. Put things in writing so they can be believed – John 20:31
- H. Put things in writing so they can be obeyed – Acts 15:20; 21:25
- I. Put things in writing so people can learn – Romans 15:4
- J. Put things in writing to show obligation – Philemon 1:19
- K. Write in order – Luke 1:3
- L. Write not to shame people – 1 Corinthians 4:14
- M. Write not for remuneration – 1 Corinthians 9:15 – NOT FOR SALE – Psalm 111:10
- N. Write to know the proof of obedience – 2 Corinthians 2:9
- O. Write to warn disobedient – 2 Corinthians 13:2, 10
- P. Write for edification, not for destruction – 2 Corinthians 13:10
- Q. Write truth – Galatians 1:20
- R. Write to announce your arrival – 1 Timothy 3:14
- S. Write to record wisdom – 2 Peter 3:15
- T. Write so peoples' joy can be full – 1 John 1:4 – thank you notes, etc.
- U. Write so people sin not – 1 John 2:1
- V. Write so people know the truth – 1 John 5:13
- W. Write of the common salvation – Jude 1:3 – tracts
- X. Write what you have seen, and the things which are – Revelation 1:19

III. Writing Can Be of Various Lengths

- A. Paul said Galatians was a large letter – Galatians 6:11
- B. Paul said Hebrews was a letter in few words – Hebrews 13:22
- C. Galatians has 6 chapters and roughly 149 verses, 3,084 words (1769 KJV – see point IX)
- D. Hebrews has 13 chapters and roughly 303 verses, 6,897 words (1769 KJV)

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- E. Peter said he wrote briefly – 1 Peter 5:12
- F. Luke, Acts, and Matthew are the longest books – over 23,000 words
- G. 3 John, 2 John, and Philemon are the shortest books – under 500 words
- H. Writing should be somewhat complete and thorough.
- I. We never exhaust the word of God

IV. Write for the Glory of God

- A. 1 Corinthians 10:31 – Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.
- B. Colossians 3:17 – And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
- C. 1 Corinthians 16:14 – Let all your things be done with charity.
- D. Philippians 4:8 – Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.
- E. Philippians 2:14 – Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
- F. 2 Corinthians 13:10 – Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

V. Types of Papers We Can Write

- A. Preaching outlines
- B. Teaching outlines
- C. Teaching lessons
- D. Commentaries
- E. Word studies
- F. Other topical studies
- G. Tracts
- H. Books
- I. Précis (pronounced prā'sē, French word for summary) a summary or abstract of a text or speech. See Points VI and VII below.
- J. Poems
- K. Songs
- L. Responses and Arguments
- M. Letters of various sorts
- N. Essays
- O. Research papers
- P. Reports
- Q. Missionary letters
- R. Financial summaries, statements, budgets, etc.
- S. Surveys
- T. Questionnaires
- U. Interviews
- V. Case studies

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- W. Theses (for Masters)
- X. Dissertations (for Doctorate)
- Y. Church documents – Covenants, Charters, Articles of Faith, By-Laws, etc.

VI. Explanation of a Précis

- A. A précis is a good way to take notes from preaching other meetings
- B. A *rhetorical précis* is a clear, concise, and logical summary of a passage preserving its essential ideas only.
- C. Can be a summary of a preaching message heard or a lesson taught.
- D. A précis is NOT an essay or re-writing. It should summarize an essence of the original document and provide readers with the information about its significance and worth.
- E. Characteristics of a précis:
 - A précis is a critical summary of abstracts.
 - A précis is NOT re-writing or interpretation of the original.
 - It is NOT written with words from the original, though you are welcome to use some quotes if appropriate.
 - It summarizes the content of the original.
 - It is not a transcript.
 - A précis reveals the meaning of the original and explains its value.
 - As a rule, a précis is 1/4 of the original in length, with necessary exceptions.
 - It follows the author's thesis and methods he uses to represent it, results, and conclusion.
- F. Qualities of a précis:
 - Clarity
 - Correctness
 - Objectivity
 - Coherence
 - Conciseness
- G. Format and Structure of a précis:
 - The Introduction
 - This is a single sentence including the following information:
 - The author's name
 - The title of the original piece
 - The publishing date (in parentheses)
 - Power verbs determining the author's thesis ("explains," "argues," "proves," etc.)
 - Your thesis itself.
 - The Body of the Work
 - Each paragraph explains a separate section of the original
 - OK to use quotes in moderation
 - The Conclusion
 - Restate the main idea

VII. How to Write a Précis

- A. If original is written, carefully read the original piece.

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- B. If verbally given, take notes to remember key information as shown below.
- C. Do then the following:
 - Specify the core points and arguments.
 - Record the evidence used by the author.
 - Research what is new and key in the piece
 - Document definitions, statements, words, etc. that are of importance
 - Identify the appeals the author used to make his points
 - Evaluate how the author conveyed meaning

VIII. Helpful Things for Writers to Learn and Do – A Through Z

- A. The First Rule of Writing: “Use the power of the Holy Ghost and Pray.” This is a continuing rule throughout the writing process.
- B. The Second rule of Writing: “Once you publish a work, you cannot say you did not say what you said.” You will have to live by the words you write.
- C. The Third Rule of Writing – “Strike when the iron is Hot.” When inspiration comes, make sure to write down all your thoughts somewhere lest you forget. Most cell phones have notepad or recorder. Always carry a small notebook if you do not carry a cell phone.
- D. The Fourth Rule of Writing – “Think before you write.” Make sure you have the right attitude (not in anger, for example), and what your goal is. For example, the syllabi for *Baptist International* are to be used for teaching outlines and they are intended for easy translation. They are organized to fulfil university requirements for the accreditation. Who is your reader? What is the point you are making? What information should I include? Have a logical flow to your text and have good transitions and organization of information (charts, tables, bullet points, etc.).
- E. A good paper is like a four-course meal: it has a good beginning, good front material, good body of text, and a good conclusion. By “good” I mean things like: powerful, captivating, valuable, inspiring, accurate, useful, easily digested, effective, worthwhile, clear, logical, etc.
- F. A good writer can make the abstract concrete, the complicated simple, the important memorable. Especially with the word of God, we need the help of the Holy Ghost in doing this type of work
- G. Work to a deadline. This provokes you to write *and finish*. Better to meet a deadline than not. You can always edit and revise your work later if needed. Some things do not have deadlines. It is OK to leave these for future study.
- H. Learn to operate a good computer word-processing program – Microsoft Word, Google Doc, Writer (Zoho), Grammarly, Prowritingaid, etc. Learn to type.
- I. Have a good computer workspace with proper chair, monitor, and system.
- J. Learn the basics of English grammar.
- K. Learn the rules for good writing.
- L. Read and write as if it is important.
- M. Analyze good writing.
- N. Imitate good writing practices.
- O. Start with main ideas (thesis), then proceed to table of contents, then to outlines, then to actual body of writing. Start with the head, work the skeleton, then add muscle and skin.
- P. Be prepared to review, correct, and edit your work multiple times. Be teachable when others critique your work.
- Q. Know that first drafts will always have to be improved.

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- R. Write concisely – eliminate unnecessary words or thoughts.
- S. Always be truthful.
- T. Do the necessary research – do not guess at things.
- U. Strive to finish. Especially with scriptural studies, we are never really done with the study. We should attempt to do the due diligence in study and present a fairly whole and comprehensive presentation of the subject that honors God.
- V. Save all your work, even if just a few thoughts or notes on a subject. They may be combined with other thoughts in the future or developed into fuller studies.
- W. Identify your writing weaknesses and improve them.
- X. Practice and develop a specific writing technique. This author uses the same format for most of his writing. It has been proved to be expedient, repeatable, and useful in most applications.
- Y. Expand your vocabulary in English and other languages.
- Z. Avoid being boring – make the content interesting and easily assimilated.

IX. Verse and Words in the King James Version

	Book	Chapters	Verses	Words
40	Matthew	28	1,071	23,343
41	Mark	16	678	14,949
42	Luke	24	1,151	25,640
43	John	21	879	18,658
44	Acts	28	1,007	24,229
45	Romans	16	433	*9,422
46	1 Corinthians	16	437	*9,462
47	2 Corinthians	13	257	*6,046
48	Galatians	6	149	*3,084
49	Ephesians	6	155	*3,022
50	Philippians	4	104	*2,183
51	Colossians	4	95	*1,979
52	1 Thessalonians	5	89	*1,837
53	2 Thessalonians	3	47	*1,022
54	1 Timothy	6	113	*2,244
55	2 Timothy	4	83	*1,666
56	Titus	3	46	*896
57	Philemon	1	25	*430
58	Hebrews	13	303	*6,897
59	James	5	108	2,304
60	1 Peter	5	105	2,476
61	2 Peter	3	61	1,553
62	1 John	5	105	2,517

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63	2 John	1	13	298
64	3 John	1	14	294
65	Jude	1	25	608
66	Revelation	22	404	11,952
66	Bible Totals	1,189	31,102	788,280

* = Not including Pauline postscripts.

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Lesson 27: Men Teach Men

I. Men are Called and Authorized to Oversee a Church

- A. Acts 20:28 – Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- B. 1 Peter 5:2 – Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
- C. Philippians 1:1 – Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
- D. 1 Timothy 3:1 – This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
- E. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- F. Titus 1:7 – For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

II. Elders to Teach

- A. 1 Peter 5:1 – The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
- B. 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
- C. 1 Timothy 5:17 – Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.
- D. Titus 1:5 – For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
- E. James 5:14 – Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
- F. Hebrews 13:7 – Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.
- G. 17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

III. Teach Faithful Men

- A. Galatians 6:6 – Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.
- B. 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
- C. 2 Timothy 2:1 – Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- D. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
- E. 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

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- F. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.
- G. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.
- H. 6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.
- I. 7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

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Lesson 28: Women Teach Women

I. Women have a Part in the Work of the Lord

- A. Luke 8:3 – And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.
- B. Acts 5:14 – And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)
- C. Acts 16:13 – And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.
- D. 1 Timothy 3:2 – A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- E. 12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.
- F. 1 Peter 3:7 – Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.
- G. 1 Timothy 3:11 – Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.
- H. 1 Peter 3:1 – Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

II. Usually Easier for a Woman to Learn from a Woman in Certain Things

- A. Women in the ministry can be a help to the women.
- B. Women who have overcome certain things related to women can encourage other women.
- C. Titus 2:4 – That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

III. In the Church, Women are to Learn from Husbands

- A. 1 Corinthians 14:34 – Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.
- B. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

IV. Women Teach Other Women by their Actions

- A. 1 Timothy 2:9 – In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;
- B. 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.
- C. 1 Peter 3:5 – For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

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V. The Younger Women to Marry or Serve God Faithfully

- A. 1 Timothy 5:14 – I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
- B. 1 Corinthians 7:32 – But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:
- C. 33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.
- D. 34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.
- E. 35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.
- F. 36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.
- G. 37 Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.
- H. 38 So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.
- I. 39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.
- J. 40 But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

VI. Women Not to Usurp Authority Over the Man

- A. Women should not teach men
- B. 1 Timothy 2:11 – Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
- C. 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
- D. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.
- E. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.
- F. 15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.
- G. Women to cover their head when praying or prophesying in the church *
- H. 1 Corinthians 11:5 – But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.
- I. 6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.
- J. 7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.
- K. 8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.
- L. 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.
- M. 10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.
- N. * Baptist churches today do not typically allow women to prophesy or pray in church services, making the head covering a moot point.

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Lesson 29: Avoid False Teaching

I. **Beware of False Prophets**

- A. Repeated many times in the New Testament
- B. Old Testament had provision for false prophets – Deuteronomy 13:1-5
- C. Speak as the oracles of God – 1 Peter 4:11
- D. Use Bible phrases and words.

II. **Jesus Warned of False Prophets in his First Discourse in the New Testament**

- A. Matthew 7:13 – Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:
- B. 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
- C. 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
- D. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
- E. 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- F. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- G. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- H. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
- I. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
- J. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
- K. 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
- L. Learn this lesson well to rightly understand the rest of the New Testament

III. **False Prophets Are Always Present**

- A. Old Testament times
- B. New Testament Times
- C. Last Days
- D. Tribulation
- E. Millennium – Revelation 20:1-10
- F. Mark 13:21 – And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:
- G. 22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.
- H. 23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

IV. **False Prophets are Spoken Well Of**

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- A. Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

V. **False Prophets Look and Sound Good**

- A. 2 Corinthians 11:13 – For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
- B. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
- C. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.
- D. Philippians 1:12 – But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;
- E. 13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;
- F. 14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
- G. 15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:
- H. 16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:
- I. 17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.
- J. 18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

VI. **False Prophets Preach False Things**

- A. 2 Corinthians 11:1 – Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.
- B. 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
- C. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
- D. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

VII. **False Brethren Want to Add Works to Salvation**

- A. Galatians 2:4 – And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:
- B. 2 Peter 2:1 – But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
- C. Ephesians 2:8-10.

VIII. **We are Commanded to Try the Spirits**

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- A. 1 John 4:1 – Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
- B. We try the spirits by the word of God.

IX. Beast, Dragon, and the False Prophet

- A. Revelation 16:13 – And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.
- B. 2 Thessalonians 2:1 – Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,
- C. 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- D. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- E. 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
- F. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- G. 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
- H. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
- I. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- J. 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
- K. 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- L. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
- M. 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

X. False Prophets – Various Instruction

- A. Matthew 24:4 – And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.
- B. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
- C. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
- D. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
- E. Mark 13:5 – And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:
- F. 6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
- G. Luke 21:8 – And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.
- H. Ephesians 4:14 – That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- I. Ephesians 5:6 – Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things

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- cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.
- J. 2 Timothy 3:13 – But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
 - K. 2 John 1:6 – And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.
 - L. 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
 - M. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.
 - N. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.
 - O. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:
 - P. 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.
 - Q. Revelation 13:11 – And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
 - R. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
 - S. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
 - T. 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.
 - U. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
 - V. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
 - W. 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
 - X. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

XI. Paper Written on Human Experience

- A. See below.

BALANCING HUMAN EXPERIENCE WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Or Four Tests for a Prophet

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After a member of our church, Tim Cox, asked the question as to how to respond scripturally when someone says he has a vision, a dream, a revelation, or some other experience; and how does one determine whether the experience is credible or really of God; I give my thoughts below.

First, we should admit that men in the Bible did have certain dreams, visions, revelations, and experiences given to them by God. Nebuchadnezzar had the vision of the image, and the tree, Ezekiel and Daniel had many visions written in their books. The prophet Micaiah had a vision of Israel scattered in 1 Kings 22. Most prophets in the Old Testament are said to have visions. God spoke to Abraham, Jacob, and Samuel in visions. In the New Testament, Paul had the vision of the Macedonian in Acts 16 and was caught up to paradise in 2 Corinthians 12. Peter had the vision on the housetop in chapter 10. Most of the Book of Revelation is recording John's visions. Jesus himself is *the* Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15).

In the case of prophets and apostles recorded in the word of God we have no trouble believing they are of God – for his word is inspired, true, and proved.

Secondly, in the current time we live in, we should have a scriptural response when people claim to have visions. Some people, who from a medical point of view died for a few seconds and came back to life, tell of a tunnel, or light, or some other vision. There are TV evangelists who claim to have seen visions with God telling them what he wants them to do. Many people who are not even believers – some of them mentally ill or possibly devil-possessed – claim to have visions regularly. People under the influence of psychotropic drugs see things they believe are visions. And then we can add to the list the *supernatural* influence of Satan in many cultures causing supernatural visions.

Even good, faithful brethren will admit to dreams or vision that they say God has given them. What should our response be?

Thirdly, on the day of Pentecost, Peter preached the following in Acts 2:

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

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21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

One could argue we are in the last days now and God's people are simply fulfilling the prophecy of Joel.

Fourthly, there are outright deceivers and liars and manipulators, using *un-disprovable visions* to get what they want.

There are some verses that we should know, even if they may not apply to a specific situation:

Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Proverbs 21:2

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

Proverbs 27:21

As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.

Proverbs 10:19

In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

Ecclesiastes 5:3

For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

Psalms 116

10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

11 I said in my haste, All men are liars.

Romans 3:4

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

In Job 4, Eliphaz said:

12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.

13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,

14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,

17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 25:14

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Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

1 John 4:1

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1 Thessalonians 5:21

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

My Recommendations:

1. Approach all “revelations” with a sense of caution and unbelief. We have the word of God to make us perfect – 2 Timothy 3:16-17; we do not need current day visions and prophecies.
2. Prove all things by the word of God. Is the “revelation” scriptural, unscriptural, or neutral? If unscriptural, they should be discarded. If they are neutral, it does not bear discussion. If it is scriptural, we can just go with “thus saith the Lord” rather than the “prophet.”
3. Divide revelations into one of two classes: personal things with no impact on others, and those that compel people to do something.
4. Personal revelations with no impact on others, if they are scriptural, can be allowed. Men and women have these types of revelations all the time. God shows them something or gives them wisdom in a particular thing. If they are unscriptural, they should be discarded.
5. Any revelations that affect others – usually by motivating them to do something – should be proved by the New Testament to determine if they are scriptural.
6. People with these types of revelations are positioning themselves as a Prophet of God.
7. Since a Prophet of God is positioning himself *equal with the word of God*, he should be tested per the word of God. Note these passages below showing ***The 4 Tests for Prophets:***

The Four Tests for Prophets

1. Does He Claim Revelation from God?

Numbers 12:6

And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

2. Is it Scriptural?

Deuteronomy 13

1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

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2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

3. Does the Prophecy Come to Pass?

Deuteronomy 18

20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

4. Know that Truth is Not True Based on Popularity

Ezekiel 33

30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

Summary

In conclusion, God did have prophets and God may have prophets today and in the future. We should not put God in a box. However, we do perfectly well without them, for we have the ***Written Prophets*** that are sufficient (Matthew 4:4). We have no need for prophets.

Secondly, if a man or woman claims to be a prophet, we should not believe them simply on their word. We are commanded to prove all things and should try the spirits whether they be of God.

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According to God's word, a prophet is not to be believed until the things he says come to pass. God would have prophets give a short-term and a long-term prophecy. The short-term prophecy was given so people would know he is a true prophet, then people could trust his long-term prophecy. Until then, the person was not to be believed.

If a so-called prophet were wrong only once, he would be revealed as a false prophet and be put to death. The people were not to fear him. If a so-called prophet prophesied anything contrary to God's word, he was to be considered a false prophet and be put to death.

When Edgar Whisenant authored the book entitled *88 Reasons Why the Raptures Will be in 1988*, 4.5 million copies were sold.

Whisenant was quoted as saying: "Only if the Bible is in error am I wrong; and I say that to every preacher in town," and, "[I]f there were a king in this country and I could gamble with my life, I would stake my life on Rosh Hashana 88." He died in 2001 and was not raptured. But his predictions were taken seriously by many evangelicals. He wrote later books predicting the rapture in 1989, 1993, 1994, and continued predictions through 1997. If people just believed the words of Jesus that said, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mark 13:32); the man would not have sold one book. Why the paperback book lists on Amazon today for over 40 dollars puzzles me. The author made millions of dollars and was a false prophet.

And we have had many of them over the last 2,000 years. We have had writers, popes, prophetesses, religious leaders (John Smith, Mary Baker Eddy, Charles Taze Russell, J. F. Rutherford, Claas Epp, Jr., David Koresh, William Miller, Hail Bopp, Chuck Smith, Hal Lindsey, etc.) and other unreliable nuts predicting the end of the world. We have even had in 1806 the Prophet Hen of Leeds that laid eggs with messages.

Jesus warned us accordingly:

Matthew 7:15

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Matthew 24:

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Today, unlike the times in the Old Testament, we do not put people to death for false prophecies. That was an Old Testament commandment and proper for Israel. Today we have the written word of God. But we can still follow the testing to prove whether a man is a false prophet or not.

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Lesson 30: Teaching All Nations

I. The Great Commission

- A. Matthew 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
- B. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.
- C. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- D. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- E. 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
- F. The Lord has a world vision for evangelism
- G. First – GO! Second – Support Missions!

II. All Nations are Deceived

- A. Revelation 14:8 – And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
- B. Revelation 18:3 – For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.
- C. 23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.
- D. Satan is the God of this world. Ephesians 6 – we wrestle against principalities.
- E. Psalm – Why do the heathen rage.
- F. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 – the world is blinded, we have the light of the gospel

III. All Nations Shall Hear

- A. Matthew 24:14 – And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.
- B. Mark 13:10 – And the gospel must first be published among all nations.
- C. Luke 24:47 – And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

IV. All Nations Shall Know

- A. Mark 11:17 – And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- B. Luke 21:24 – And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the

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Gentiles be fulfilled.

V. **God Desires All Nations to be Saved**

- A. Romans 1:5 – By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:
- B. Romans 16:25 – Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,
- C. 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:
- D. Galatians 3:8 – And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

VI. **All Nations Shall Be Judged**

- A. Matthew 25:32 – And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:
- B. We are watchmen for Jesus!
- C. Acts.14:16 – Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.
- D. Acts 17:26 – And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;
- E. 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:
- F. 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.
- G. 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.
- H. 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:
- I. 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

VII. **Eternity Will Have Saved People from All Nations**

- A. Revelation 7:9 – After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
- B. Revelation 15:4 – Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.
- C. Revelation 12:5 – And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

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Lesson 31: Teaching Using Organized Material

I. There are Many Good Teaching Programs Available

- A. Always use scriptural lessons
- B. New Testament should be the BOOK to use first, then lessons as *guides* – Acts 8:31
- C. Always use KJV scripture-based material
- D. Always use Baptist lessons
- E. Avoid neo-evangelical teaching

II. Select Material Appropriate for Audience

- A. Use of teaching pyramid – lost, saved, baptized, advanced, specialized, etc.
- B. Consider age
- C. Consider current situation (singles, married, retired, nursing home, etc.)
- D. Spiritual maturity of the hearer.

III. Teacher Should Always Lead

- A. Teacher should always be prepared.
- B. Always have a message or a lesson in your Bible.
- C. OK to skip or add material.
- D. Teacher is to be used of God, not just narrate.
- E. Teacher to filter information.
- F. Teacher to lead discussions.

IV. Repetition is the Mother of Learning

- A. All lessons should have some overlap
- B. OK to review previous lessons before starting new lessons
- C. Repeat same lessons every few years
- D. People forget
- E. People miss a lot of information
- F. People grow in understanding
- G. There are new people

V. Always Be Flexible for God's Leading

- A. Sometimes God leads discussions to “chase rabbits”
- B. Use the opportunity to have good discussions
- C. Sometime the whole subject may change based on God's leading
- D. Beware using outlines as an unbreakable pattern to follow – James 4:13-17

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VI. **Always Good to Have Back-up Teachers**

- A. Substitute teachers are good to have on hand
- B. They are part of class and follow along
- C. They know where the lessons are
- D. They can pick up teaching if first teacher is out
- E. Also, alternating teachers week-to-week makes teaching interesting

VII. **Baptist International *School of the Scriptures***

- A. The B. I. program is applicable for all people when done in correct order
- B. Can be used for university level teaching
- C. Can be used for church discipleship
- D. Can be used for preacher training
- E. Can be used for Sunday School lessons

VIII. **Needing to Prepare in a Short Window of Time**

- A. Pray.
- B. Dedicate a quiet time away from distraction.
- C. Honor God – my message is to honor you and bless your people.
- D. Start reading in the Gospels.
- E. Read until God impresses upon my heart something I am excited about – main point of the message.
- F. Study your points.
- G. Always better to be prepared. Process is the same.

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Lesson 32: Using Teaching Aids

I. Personal Instructor is Always Best – Follow Me

- A. God uses men to teach men
- B. 1 Corinthians 4:16 – Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.
- C. 1 Corinthians 11:1 – Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- D. Jesus said to behold the fowls of the air.
- E. Behold the lilies of the valley.
- F. A sower goes forth to sow.

II. Songs

- A. Exodus 15:1 – Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
- B. Deuteronomy 31:19 – Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.
- C. 20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.
- D. Deuteronomy 32:44 – And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.
- E. Judges 5:12 – Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.
- F. 2 Samuel 22:1 – And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:
- G. Ecclesiastes 1:1 – The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

III. Personal Experience

- A. 2 Timothy 3:10 – But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,
- B. 11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.
- C. 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

IV. Visual Aids

- A. Maps
- B. Charts
- C. Tables

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- D. Graphs
- E. Drawings
- F. Illustrations
- G. Educational posters to inspire and remind students
- H. Educational infographics to simplify complex information
- I. Creative presentations to keep students engaged with a lesson
- J. Educational charts to make data accessible
- K. Student assessment (progress) reports with an approachable design
- L. Classroom checklists to keep students, teachers and parents on track
- M. Research reports to make data and insights engaging
- N. School newsletters to get students, parents and teachers excited about events
- O. Education calendars to keep students, parents and teacher informed
- P. Lesson plans to help you stay organized and to inspire other educators

V. **Visual Print or Duplicated**

- A. Outlines
- B. Questionnaires
- C. Handouts
- D. Textbook
- E. Supplementary Book
- F. Reference books
- G. Encyclopedia.
- H. Magazine
- I. Newspaper
- J. Documents and Clippings
- K. Duplicated Written Material
- L. Programmed Learning Material and Self-instructional Modules
- M. Case Studies (Simulating Reality) and Case Reports

VI. **Visual (Pictorial) Two-dimensional**

- A. Blackboard or whiteboard
- B. Charts
- C. Posters
- D. Maps
- E. Images
- F. Diagrams
- G. Graphs
- H. Photographs
- I. Cartoons
- J. Comic Strips

VII. **Audio**

- A. Human voice

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- B. Audio recordings
- C. Telephone
- D. Internet or other remote conversations (Zoom, Teams, WhatsApp, Facetime, Facebook, etc.)

VIII. Visual Three-dimensional

- A. Skit
- B. Model
- C. Mock-up
- D. Diorama
- E. Globe
- F. Relief Map
- G. Specimen
- H. Puppet
- I. Hologram

IX. Visual Projected

- A. Slide
- B. Filmstrip
- C. Transparency (OHP)
- D. Computer

X. Audio-visual Projected

- A. Videos
- B. PowerPoint presentations
- C. Models
- D. Computer programs

XI. Other Effective Means

- A. Survey trips
- B. Missionary conferences
- C. Missionary presentations
- D. Bible Preaching
- E. Open discussions
- F. Question and Answers
- G. Internet research

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Lesson 33: Teaching per Level and Teaching Pyramid

BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL NOTES ON THE TEACHING PYRAMID

EXPLANATION OF THE USE AND APPLICATION OF THE TEACHING PYRAMID

The use of the BI Teaching Pyramid as for illustrative purposes only has been available for over forty years. The illustration shows the various levels of teaching and the to whom the teaching applies.

Please note the points below describing the purpose of the Teaching Pyramid:

- 1 What it is Not. First and foremost, it is necessary to understand that the Baptist International Teaching Pyramid is NOT a symbol, brand, or identifier for the BI curricula. It is simply an illustration to help students and teachers understand the principle and process of identifying the need in respect to scripture, first; then move to distribution to fill the need, second. Once distribution is in place, the ministry should move to production as the third step. The fourth step is reproduction (i.e., teaching) of the scripture ministry to other ministries.
- 2 A Headwater church verses local church production. In the United States, especially before the digital age, the scripture production was primarily set up through headwater churches – that is, churches with the equipment and capacity to print large volumes of scripture (tonnage) and send the scripture “signatures” to the various churches for assembly, and then return them for distribution. This system requires the collection of funds to be directed to the headwater church to buy truckloads of paper, and to print and ship the scriptures to and from churches to the need. This system was designed by D. M. Fraser and is still in operation in many churches.

Today, we encourage and teach the “McDonald’s Method,” and with this model we expect each church and ministry to produce and distribute at their level, thus removing the need for a Headwater church, and the transferring of funds and scriptures internationally. This is not only wise and expedient, but also provokes the local churches to get involved in production earlier, and this based on the direct local need of distribution. The university’s requirement for *tonnage* has shifted to *saturation*.

Historic Baptist Church remains a Headwater for teaching and for providing the needed digital masters for printing; but it will not be responsible for shipping large quantities of scripture internationally. Instead, we support churches worldwide (both educationally and financially) to publish their own scriptures, either by small presses or printers, or by local printing houses.

Since BI was formed with the Headwater model, we have made adjustments over time as mentioned above to set the scripture requirements based on local church distribution and production.

Now, Baptist International has the expectation that “Every Church be a Publishing Church.”

- 3 Saturation verses Tonnage. Just as the Apostles “filled Jerusalem with your doctrine” (Acts 5:28), we have changed the requirements for international churches to a “saturation” model. That is, the

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required distribution of scriptures will be approximately that needed to give every household a copy of the scriptures. We also understand that many of the ministers involved in BI have multiple places of ministry (some have up to twenty villages). We would expect the distribution to encompass all areas of ministry.

- 4 The Use of gifts through independent churches worldwide. The Baptist churches involved in B. I. should position themselves to be a provider of scriptures to the ministries in their Jerusalem. We have a fund set up to help those works, and we will administer the funds as needed to help missionaries and pastors with their scripture distribution and advice in printing.

All churches should follow the steps as follows: 1) Identify need, 2) Distribute to that need, 3) Produce to that need, 4) Reproduce (teach other ministries to do the same).

Steps 2 and 3 may have to interchange depending on the quantity of scripture available.

The step of distribution before production is done in similar fashion to the “priming of a water pump,” in that we supply a small number of scriptures to show the process and how to fill the need, then the ministry produces their own. We at HBC will, by God’s grace, help in bearing the cost for the production of scriptures by like-minded churches.

- 5 Being Conformed to the Image of Jesus Christ
- 6 Responsibility to Levels Above and Below
- 7 Greatest is the Servant – recognition based on obedience and service. Self must decrease, Christ must increase. Humility should increase.
- 8 Post Ph.D. work and studies.

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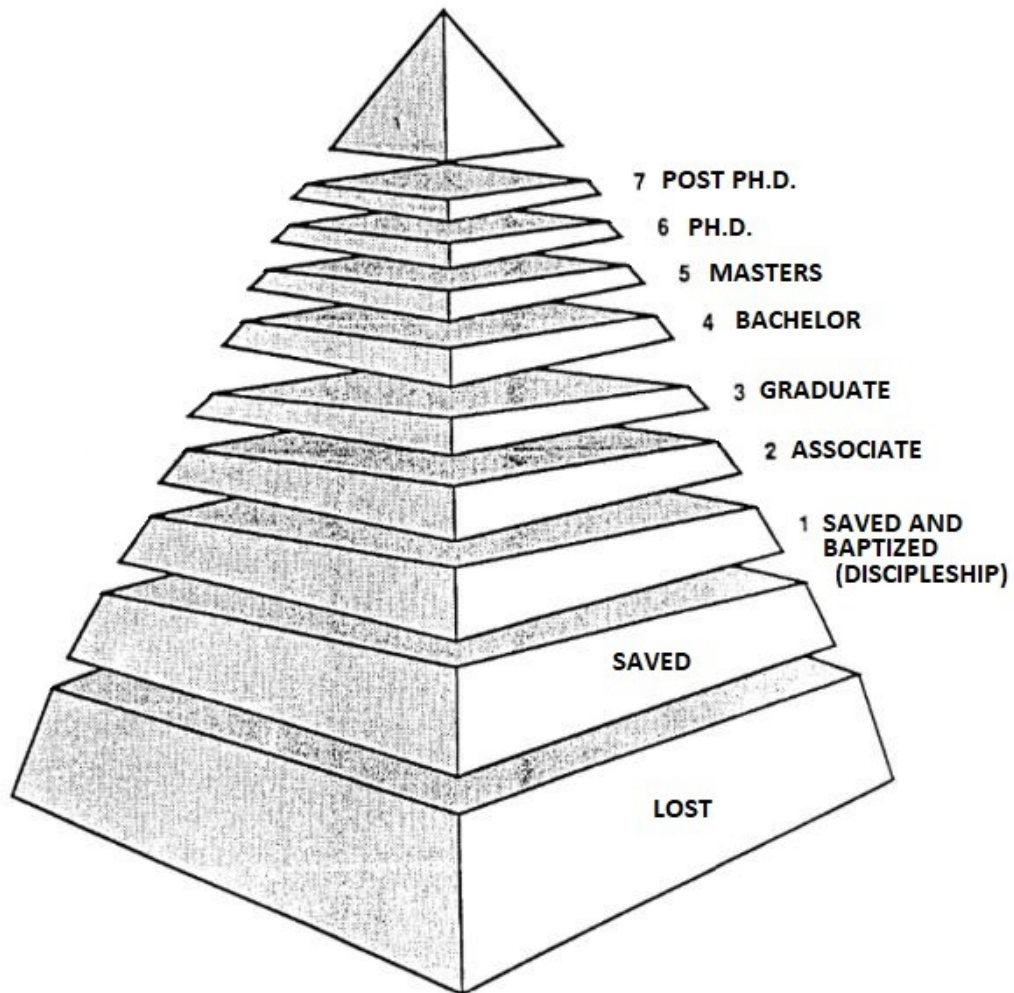
THE LEVELS EXPLAINED

BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL TEACHING PYRAMID					
LEVEL	DESIGNATION	SCRIPTURE PORTION	PRINCIPLE / PRECEPT	TEACHING	SAYING
A	LOST	JOHN AND ROMANS OR GOSPEL OF JOHN AND A PREACHER	TESTIMONY OF THE GOSPEL BY 2 OR THREE WITNESSES	GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST	TO EVERY CREATURE
B	SAVED	NEW TESTAMENT	AFTER READING JOHN AND ROMANS. (LINE UPON LINE) MATTHEW 4:4 MAN LIVES BY EVERY WORD OF GOD	BAPTISM AND LOVE COMMANDMENT DOCTRINE, PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT	GREAT COMMISSION
1	SAVED AND BAPTIZED	WHOLE BIBLE	AFTER READING NEW TESTAMENT (LINE UPON LINE)	OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER JESUS COMMANDED (MATTHEW 28:18-20), PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT	GREAT COMMISSION, LEARN
2	ASSOCIATE	WHOLE BIBLE	PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT	AS DEFINED IN SOS, LINE UPON LINE	DISCIPLES, LIVE
3	GRADUATE / BACHELOR	WHOLE BIBLE	LINE UPON LINE	AS DEFINED IN SOS, LINE UPON LINE	CONTINUE, LOVE
4	BACHELOR / MASTER	WHOLE BIBLE	LINE UPON LINE, HERE A LITTLE, THERE A LITTLE	AS DEFINED IN SOS	FAITHFUL, LEAD
5	MASTER / DOCTORAL	WHOLE BIBLE	ENSAMPLE (1 THESS. 1:7); TEACHING TO OBSERVE (MATTHEW 28:18-20)	AS DEFINED IN SOS	LANGUAGE AND ACADEMICS
6	PH.D. / POST PH.D.	WHOLE BIBLE	TEACH ALL NATIONS	AS DEFINED IN SOS; HERE A LITTLE, THERE A LITTLE	TEACHING TO OBSERVE (BILINGUAL)
7	POST PH.D.	WHOLE BIBLE	CONTINUALLY BEING CONFORMED TO IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST	KNOWLEDGE ADDED TO PROGRAM BASED ON SCRIPTURE RESEARCH AND STUDY	RESEARCH AND DOING
JC	LORD JESUS CHRIST	JESUS IS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH -- JOHN 1:1, 14	GREATEST LOVE	HIS COMMANDMENTS	FOLLOW ME

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BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL TEACHING PYRAMID				
LEVEL	COMMANDED ACTIVITY (TEACHER)	COMMANDED ACTIVITY (STUDENT)	OTHER MATERIALS	COMMENTS
A	ACTS 1:8, EVANGELISTIC PREACHING	OBEY GOSPEL	TRACTS	JESUS SENT APOSTLES OUT TWO BY TWO. IN THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES THE TRUTH IS ESTABLISHED. ACTS 8 PHILIP AND ISAIAH AND THE EUNUCH -- HOW CAN I UNDERSTAND UNLESS SOMEMAN GUIDE ME? ROMANS 10 -- HOW THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER? ROMANS 16:26 -- BY THE SCRIPTURES.
B	MATTHEW 28:18-20 -- BAPTIZE AS AUTHORIZED BY SENDING CHURCH	SUBMIT TO SCRIPTURAL BAPTISM UPON CREDIBLE EVIDENCE OF FAITH BY RIGHTEOUS WORKS	NEW BELIEVERS GUIDE	AUTHORITY TO BAPTIZE BY CHURCH. PREACHER RECOGNIZES FRUITS MEET FOR REPENTANCE. IN SOME CASES STUDENT WILL HAVE TO SEPARATE FROM SINFUL ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD BE CAUSE FOR CHURCH DISMISSAL OR BE IN CONTRARY TO CHURCH COVENANT.
1	PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT	REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE (HEBREWS 12) FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST	NEW BELIEVERS GUIDE, BI ASSOCIATE LEVEL	
2	2 TIMOTHY 2:2	AS DEFINED IN SOS	BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE SCRIPTURES	
3	OBSERVE TO DO	AS DEFINED IN SOS	BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE SCRIPTURES	
4	MINISTRY MAJOR	AS DEFINED IN SOS	BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE SCRIPTURES	
5	MASTER SOS CURRICULA, BEING ABLE TO TEACH DOCTRINES FROM THE HEART	AS DEFINED IN SOS	BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE SCRIPTURES	THESIS
6	IDENTIFY AND PROVE NEW AND PRACTICAL METHODS OF "TO EVERY CREATURE" AND SCRIPTURE PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION	AS DEFINED IN SOS	BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE SCRIPTURES	DISSERTATION, ABILITY TO PREACH IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE
7	POST DOCTORATE STUDIES AND TEACHING OTHERS	CONTINUAL "BY LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER"	BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE SCRIPTURES	DIRECTION AND PATH CONTINUES. WORK TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE MINISTRY
JC	GREAT COMMISSION	FOLLOW HOLY GHOST IN LIBERTY	JESUS IS ALPHA AND OMEGA	I DO ALWAYS THOSE THINGS THAT PLEASE THE FATHER; NOT MY WILL BUT THINE;

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Lesson 34: The Trivium Applied to the Gospel

THE TRIVIUM APPLIED TO THE GOSPEL

12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.
23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
Proverbs 23:12, 23

The Trivium means “three ways.” It is the process which started 500 BC and it was used in formal education (part of the then-called *The 7 Liberal Arts*) when teaching a student to think for himself and learn how to study on his own. Modern education has omitted this standard of teaching as they want *mindless robots* who just accept the *socialistic pablum* dished out daily in modernists schools.

Originally, the schools used Latin for the basis of teaching the Trivium. Not because Latin is a very useful language by today’s standard, but because it is a language that requires *study*. And if the student can excel in Latin, he can excel in anything. The student would learn the things related to *Grammar*, then the things related to *Logic*, then defend a position of logic using *Rhetoric*, while speaking Latin.

Following the *Trivium*, the student would proceed to the *Quadrium* (i.e., four ways) which was made up of four subjects: Arithmetic (numbers), Geometry (numbers in space), Music (numbers in time), and Astronomy (numbers in time and space). The *Quadrium* helped students in the *essential* thinking skills.

As students of the word of God, we can analyze the study by asking the basic questions: who, what, where, when, how, and why. As an example, we have shown the *Trivium* applied to the Gospel.

I. Grammar (Knowledge) – Who, What, Where, and When

- A. Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
- B. Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.
- C. Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.
- D. Acts 8:25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.
- E. Acts 15:7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

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F. Mark 13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

II. Logic (Understanding) – Why

- A. Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
- B. Romans 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.
- C. 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4
3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:
4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
- D. Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
- E. 2 Timothy 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

III. Rhetoric (Wisdom) – How

- A. Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
- B. Romans 10:15, 16
15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
- C. Romans 15:20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:
- D. Galatians 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
- E. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye

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have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

- F. 1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.
- G. 2 Thessalonians 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- H. 2 Timothy 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

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Lesson 35: Teaching Faithful Men

TEACHING FAITHFUL MEN

What I Consider Faithful Men

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- 1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
- 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2:1-3

We need men who have the desire for spiritual reproduction – men who are able, willing, and ready to teach others; through soul-winning, discipleship, training, edifying, and support.

The qualifications for ministers are clear in the New Testament. Here are two passages that define the character of ministers: 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and 1 Peter 5:1-3. Briefly summarized, the man of God does the following:

- He keeps his family well – spiritually, financially, physically, and leads in righteousness.
- He is not a lord over the flock, but an ensample
- He is of good behavior
- He is sound speech
- He has a pattern of good works
- He is being blameless, which can include a lot of things. Some of my personal things are listed below.

In a personal and practical manner, I list these things that show a faithful man's heart is in service to Jesus Christ:

1. A servant's heart. Willing to go the second mile. Willing to go, work, show-up, even when tired.
2. A lover of souls. Have an internal love and compassion for people. Not a blind compassion that enables destructive behavior, but a willingness to help when God led. To help that person he to whom he ministers to become better in his service to God.
3. Being faithful to all services. Arriving early more often than late. Staying late as needed. One who sees the importance of Sunday School, regular services, Bible Studies, Revivals, Special Services, inter-church relations
4. Willing to help and honor other pastors and ministries as God leads.
5. Willing to get hands dirty when necessary.

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6. Wanting and willing to work in the ministry, even when others are too busy, or the job is difficult. Makes time when needed.
7. One who will drive distances to pick up visitors (unselfish with time and effort for the needy).
8. One who has a true desire to see the church prosper and move forward.
9. One who is ready to pray with visitors and lead them to Christ.
10. One who supports the ministry with tithes, offerings, missions, and alms.
11. One who has a good record of victorious Christian living – overcoming addictions of all sorts.
12. One who is faithful in personal bible reading and prayer and fasting.
13. One who is not slothful. He is anxious to serve at any time. He is interested in the things of God over all other pastimes.
14. One who is responsible and committed.
15. One who loves his wife and family.
16. One who honors his parents.
17. One who is financially disciplined and responsible.
18. One who strives to constantly improve himself and his family's situation.

