

Teaching - Our Responsibility to God

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Introduction:

I. Defined

- A. Preaching defined: To proclaim a herald; To be bold in speech.
- B. Teaching defined: To give instructions; To train.

Discussion:

I. I. Teaching Is Required by God.

- A. Go into all the world (Matt.28:20)

II. How Do We Teach?

- A. Privately.
 - 1. Acts 5:42.
- B. Publicly
 - 1. Mark 4:
 - 2. Mark 6:2
- C. Writing
 - 1. 2 Cor .13:10

III. Who Do We Teach?

- A. Our Children Deut. 11:18
 - 1. Teach them to pray to God
 - 2. Daily read the Bible to them or have them read it if old enough to read.
 - 3. Bible Classes
 - a. Help them in Bible studies.
 - b. Make sure their lessons are prepared.
 - c. Encourage them to become teachers one day.
- B. Each other. - 2 Tim.2:2;24.
 - 1. Gospel is committed to faithful Christians.
 - a. To teach others - Faithful and unbelievers.
- C. Those who ask - 1 Pet. 3:15
 - 1. Be ready always - requires diligent study.
 - 2. To give an answer - to teach.
 - 3. Of the faith - The Gospel of Christ.
 - 4. That is within you - That you have embraced.
 - 5. Always - At anytime upon which you are called.
 - a. I knew an old faithful Christian who always had a sermon in his pocket to preach if called upon.
- D. Those Who Do Not Know - Ezra 7:25.
 - 1. Ezra was required to teach the unlearned Jews.
 - a. They had just returned from captivity.
 - b. Many knew of God, but not about God and his laws.
- E. Every Man - Col 1:28.
 - 1. For the purpose of instructing and making perfect.
- F. The Lost - Ps. 51:10-13.

1. To convert transgressors and correct them.

IV. Objections to Teaching.

A. Fear.

1. Jonah 1:1-3 Jonah ran from God. He feared the job ahead of him and the Ninivites.
 - a. Jonah 3:1-5 Jonah finally went and by his teaching converted the entire city.
 - b. Acts 9:10-17 Annanias feared Paul and what he had done to Christians, but he went and by his teaching converted Paul.
 - c. Acts 7:57. Stephen did not fear the multitude and faced his death because of it.

B. Not a Good Speaker

1. Ex. 4:10. Moses undoubtedly feared Pharaoh and the Egyptian army. It was the greatest on the earth.
 - a. Even though he wasn't a good speaker, he went and taught Egypt about God.
 - i. By miracles.
 - ii. By Plagues.

C. Not Apt to Teach.

1. Ezra 7:10. Ezra set his heart to do God's will by teaching.
2. Preparation involves study.
 - a. 2 Tim.3:16; Acts 17:11; 1 Pet. 3:15; 2 Tim. 2:15.
3. 1 Tim.3:2 Elders are apt to teach.
4. 2 Tim. 22:24 Servants are apt to teach.

D. To Young.

1. Luke 2:41-47 Jesus at the age of twelve was giving instructive answers to the teachers in the temple.

E. To Old.

1. Titus 2:1-3 "Aged women likewise..."

V. The Rewards of Teaching.

- A. 1 Thess 5:11 Helping each other become stronger in the faith.
- B. Acts 2:42 The Lord's Church will continue to grow.
 1. Can't grow without teaching. "Paul planted, Apollos watered and God gave the increase" 1 Cor 3:6.
- C. James 5:20 The joy of saving a soul.
- D. Matt. 25:23 Reward of Heaven by doing God's will.

VI. What do we teach?

- A. How to pray - Luke 11:1.
- B. The Gospel - Rom. 1:16.
- C. That all men have sinned - Rom 3:23.
- D. All must be saved.
 1. God's Plan of salvation:
 - a. Hear the Gospel - Rom 1:16.
 - b. Believe the Gospel - J. 3:16.
 - c. Repent of your Sins - 2 Cor. 7:10
 - d. Confess Christ before man - Rom 10:10.
 - e. Be Baptized for the remission of your sins 1 Pet. 3:21.

- f. Salvation will be given - Mk. 16:16.
- g. To continue therein - 1 Tim. 4:16.