

Importance of Teaching Ministry

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

#4 Mission statement: Victory Life Church is a Teaching church, speaking the truth in love, without compromise; ministering grace, without legalism; providing practical Bible application for new believers and mature saints.

Hindrances to having bible studies:

1. Lazy Christians
2. Chronically tardy Christians
3. Picky Christians:
 - a. Only show up when Dick mills, Carol Cartwright & Steve stunning are in town!
 - b. I would personally like to thank the Christians, leaders who show up for events when the pastor is not there. In some churches if the pastor goes away the mice will play.
 - c. There should be balance in your diet in the spiritual just there are in the natural. If all you eat is strawberry shortcake you will get fat,
 - d. Don't forget the 6 food groups: Dairy, Meat, Vegetables, Breads, Fruits, Chocolate & Coffee:
4. People who have to be babied
 - a. I should not have to personally call each of you to remind you to eat your vegetables, or beg you to come to a bible study!
5. Idolatrous Christians
6. Big headed Christians, "I already know that and don't need to come"
7. Excuse making Christians
 - a. "I wanted to go but got home and, well, ah, decided not to go".
8. Sunday morning Service only Christians (SMSO)
9. Bored Christians: Quit ½ way through 12 week course
 - a. We are not here to entertain & Humor you. Pastor Don's humor is strictly a bonus!
10. Honey bee Christians
 - a. They only come to a service when a prophet comes to town.
 - b. They show favoritism and only come when certain people teach. The teaching ministry is not American Idol competition, nor is it The Gong show.



Backslidden Christians at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evening

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

- c. Show support to our budding teachers. They work hard for you. Give them grace. What if you were teaching and someone said, "You are boring. I won't show up Wednesday."

Lame things I have seen teachers do:

1. Teachers who only show up when they teach and doesn't get involved in class when they aren't scheduled.
2. Teachers who don't study. They forget what they are speaking on, or pick up the outline for their lesson ½ hour before they teach.
3. Teachers who allow themselves to get discouraged and cancel Bible study if one person shows up.
 - a. If only one shows up it is a discipleship lesson
 - b. We don't cancel services & meetings at our church. I have postponed & rescheduled.
4. Teachers who are disorganized, monotone, boring & not excited about the word.
 - a. I don't recommend fasting on the day you preach
5. Teachers, who are not teachable & open to evaluation or correction.
6. Teachers who are obsessed with pet doctrines. (or preach on opinions & newspaper stories)
7. Preach for 90 minutes when they only have a 45 minute anointing!

"If you haven't struck oil after 30 minutes stop drilling"

My philosophy on teaching:

1. It is a sin to be boring. "Stir up the gift of God that is in you: 2 Timothy 1:6
2. What you teach is caught as well as taught.
 - a. To operate in a right spirit: Never minister out of anger, rebellion, prejudice, or harpoon people in the congregation. That spirit that spirit can be easily transferred to your students.

Luke 6:40 "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

3. Study to grow not teach. Teaching is best when it comes out of the overflow of your life and spirit rather than relying on speaking ability and an outline.
4. Everyone is a teacher in their life (Father, mothers, discipler)
5. I can learn from anybody
6. You can find anything taught you want to hear

Isaiah 28:10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little."

Acts 17:11-12 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.
12 Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.

7. Not everyone should be a teacher

James 3:1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

Christians have a responsibility in being taught: "Take heed what you hear"

1. Show up. If you miss a service you were supposed to be in you missed a feeding

Faith comes by hearing and doubt comes by not showing up

2. Having a respect and love of God's word correlates to your relationship to God

Psalm 119:97-99 Oh, how I love Your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

98 You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;

For they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,

For Your testimonies are my meditation.

3. We need to be taught "all things", not popular fads, compromising doctrines or seeker sensitive topics.

2 Timothy 4:2-4 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

4. Christians are not receiving all God has because they are not taught

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Because you have rejected knowledge,

I also will reject you from being priest for Me;

Because you have forgotten the law of your God,

I also will forget your children.

5. Both lambs and the sheep need to be fed "Feed my lambs ... Feed my sheep" John 21:15

6. Don't embrace teaching or teachers, and those apart of cults into your life, who are trying to convert you for the sake of being open minded:

2 John 1:7-10 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

7. The soil has a part in how much the seed grows (Mark 4)

Mark 4:20 "But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept [it], and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

Question:

Do you have to be entertained to sit through a bible study?

Do you show up for teachers like you do prophets?

Do you show up more when there are guest speakers?

Do you read and study your Bible daily?

Classes that have been taught:

1. Cults & world religions
2. Discipleship
3. Leadership
4. Life of Christ
5. Marriage
6. Attributes of God
7. Armor Bearer
8. Growing kids God's way
9. Ministering Spiritual gifts
10. Praise & Worship
11. Prayer
12. Deliverance
13. Evangelism
14. Word foundations
15. Healing
16. Faith

Yes, we receive woman teachers:

I Timothy 2:9-14 Paul began by saying that Christian women should dress with modesty. He was not preaching against nice clothes, jewelry, and makeup. The idea is that Christian women are not to be like the women of the world whose total emphasis is on the exterior. Paul urged women to be true disciples of Jesus Christ and did not say that they cannot teach, preach, minister, or prophesy. However women are not to seize the authority of a man. God appointed the man as the head of the family, and the man is responsible to serve his wife in love and be in submission to God. Paul was not teaching that Adam was morally, intellectually, or spiritually better than Eve; but he was her superior in order. Somehow Eve stepped outside the umbrella of protection afforded through the subordination to Adam and left herself open to spiritual deception.

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