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The Bible Teacher

Our Bibles give keen insight to the mind and heart of the Bible teacher. You and I would be well served if we would give time to learning what it teaches us about being a Bible teacher. In James 3:1 we see that the role of Bible teacher is one that is to be approached with a sober and grave mind. The price of failing to do the best possible job as a teacher carries with it grave consequences, not only for the teacher but for the student as well. Let us examine for a moment that awesome task.

Apparently there were some people in James' time that vied for positions of distinction within the church. Somehow, these people thought the position of teacher would make them more important than their students. That rationale for becoming a teacher didn't measure up to what James was trying to stress.

It is often the case that those with the least qualification to speak do so the loudest and longest. Even among the students in classes we find this to be the case. James instructs us to be "swift to hear and slow to speak." Before speaking we must be certain what we say is true, profitable and really worth saying. Sadly, few are really ready to speak when they do.

James was stressing that the specialized work of teaching contains an inherent honor which the teacher must work to maintain. The teacher must consecrate himself to the task of instruction, a sharp spiritual insight, an intimate knowledge of the Scriptures, a practical understanding of human nature, and a vast variety of other qualities. This consecration process comes only through hard work and dedication to the task. There is no way that a teacher will be successful without this requisite preparation.

I once heard a preacher say, "If you can do anything besides preach then don't preach." James is stressing the same idea. If you can't have to be a master don't be. Until you have the unquenchable desire to teach be careful not to. Until God's Word is like a fire shut up in your bones then don't be a teacher. Until you are truly willing to make your heart and mind ready to meet the rigors of teaching God's word you better do something else. The role of Bible teacher is weighted with responsibility. The one who undertakes this vocation truly performs the greatest and most important work of all.

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For our nation as we are going through troubled times
For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.
For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.
For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.
For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

For **Michael Hotchkin** and **Derek Miller** in Afghanistan

Steve Miller—being tested for cause of fractured vertebrae

Karren Griffith continues to recuperate at home, adjusting to new meds.

Cheryl Lemon (Mary Lemon's mother) recovering at home from surgery on colon. Biopsy results from lymph glands show some cancer cells; decision about chemo will be made soon.

Arthur Sullivan transferred from SOMC to Best Care on Thursday.

Lacie Bevins (3yr old granddaughter of Betty and JC Bevins of Stockdale area) diagnosed with leukemia and pneumonia. Starting chemotherapy right away.

Richard Harner (friend of Tamera Green) is scheduled for surgery January 8.

Donna Henschen (Tamera Green's daughter-in-law's mother) is waiting for biopsy results.

Troy Gahm released from SOMC on Tuesday but still suffering with severe headaches

Dennis Sullivan (Terry's brother, now living in Portsmouth) is recuperating from a stroke and broken hip.

Cierra Chiesa (13 year old cousin of Julie Miller) diagnosed with brain cancer a second time.

Al Graff finally got to take a cardiac stress test, there were some negative results. He is scheduled to meet with his doctor on Jan. 11th for more information on what needs to be done.

Jo Ann Miller's test results are due this week.

Lane Raiser was taken to OSU Med Center last week with an apparent stroke. He was released on Wednesday with minimal damage and is recuperating at home.

Spirit Club

Tonight at 6 pm.

Sunshine Girls

Tonight at 6 pm in the annex.

Goofy Gloves

The Sunshine Girls are working on a project to gather gloves for children (and adults) in our community. Please help our "Goofy Glove Raising" be an enjoyment and success by casting a vote for your favorite goofy tie. The ties are hanging in the foyer. Each pair of gloves donated to the corresponding basket counts as one vote, and votes are unlimited. The winning tie will be displayed in a special place on Sunday, January 10th. Thanks! The Sunshine Girls

Census Jobs Available

The US Census Bureau is hiring workers to conduct the census for 2010. Information about the jobs and how to apply is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Farewell to Derek

Derek Miller left on Saturday for a year of service in Afghanistan as a civilian contractor. He will be stationed in Bagram and will be supervising the civilian support workers for the troops. Prayers requested.

January Sweet Monday

January Sweet Monday-Jan. 4 at 7:30PM. *New Year, New You* is the theme. Please note that it will be cancelled if there is bad weather! Questions call/see Heather Gragg!

Sunshine Slimdown

It's not too late to join the Health Ministry Team's Sunshine Slimdown! Anyone who plans to participate should meet in the annex immediately after services this morning for the kickoff meeting. If you are unable to meet, but would like to participate, see Jodi or Mandi today. The competition phase of the program will start next Sunday, Jan. 10th. If you are interested in the weight loss competition, team up with a partner and come to next week's meeting.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

01/03 1 Peter 2

01/10 1 Peter 3

01/17 1 Peter 4

Wednesday

01/06 2 Samuel 7-8
Psalm 23

01/13 2 Samuel 9-10

01/20 2 Samuel 11-12
Psalm 51

Verse of the Month

Acts 16:31 Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

The Bible Teacher

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Again James reminds us that teachers "receive the heavier judgment." When we think of the damage that can be done by false doctrine it isn't any wonder why James made this statement. Paul noted "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee" (1 Timothy 4:16). If one is careless with doctrine both the teacher and the student can be lost.

There are certainly some Biblical qualities that any godly teacher should possess for "As is the teacher so is the school." This is true of any school Bible or secular. If we want to have the best sort of teaching done, we must have well-qualified instructors.

Genuine Spirituality and Deep Consecration.

Paul wrote, "To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:6). As God's teacher one will have to be entirely in harmony with the teachings of the New Testament. A person will teach more by his life than he ever can by what he teaches. A teacher can only really teach what he is. Jesus taught us that "as a man thinks in his heart so is he." A teacher must live what he teaches or no one will listen long enough to learn. It is tragic to think that we would allow even for a moment a spiritually shallow teacher to indoctrinate our children.

A Good Working Knowledge Of The Bible

Can we even imagine a mathematics teacher who didn't know arithmetic? Those who would enlighten others about God's way must also grasp thoroughly God's message. Paul enjoined Timothy "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Paul is saying that one must be skilled with the word of God. A teacher not only must be familiar with what the Bible says but also how to apply it to life.

Resourcefulness

A teacher who is excited about teaching is eager to present the message in such a way that others will understand. Not all people will learn the same way. The good Bible teacher will use many methods to illustrate and delineate the lessons from God's word. The master teacher Jesus often used object lessons, parables, lectures and even a drawing one time to make his point. A good Bible teacher will come to know how best the students in class learn.

Cheerfulness and Optimism

It is impossible for a person to understand the message of the Bible and be without joy. Over and over again the Bible tells us to rejoice. The teacher of God's book must live the joy of Christianity so others will see it. The hope of heaven and a knowledge that God always does what is right should unleash us from the burdens of sorrow and worry over this life. Teachers who show a sad face and a frown will have little positive impact on the lives of his pupils. Our Bible classes should bring hope and encouragement to an otherwise dreary world. We all need to come to a knowledge that with God's help we can be victorious and overcomers in this world.

Sympathetic and Kind

Teachers who possess a sympathetic heart can truly bolster children. A sincere love for people will produce kind expressions of that Christ-like affection (Hebrews 5:2). Again James practical view of Christianity comes to play here. "Pure religion and defiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27). Being sympathetic means more than understanding other's needs, it means doing what we can to provide them.

Pupils in Bible classes will come to know their teachers will encourage them to conquer sin in their lives. They will know they have a friend who will aide them in their struggles to live as Christ desires. The role of sympathy and kindness is best stated, "bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Sometimes the Bible class teacher will have more influence than any one else because of the trust that grew out of kind acts of love.

Bible school and Bible classes are a wonderful instrument for building up the Kingdom. It is our duty to make sure we use it to the greatest advantage.

Joseph D. Chase
Blodgett Church of Christ
Pittsburgh, TX

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning	January 3	January 10
Welcome & Prayer	Don Coriell	Jon Coriell
Song Director	Ralph Gamp	Scott Gamp
Scripture Reading	Zach Coriell	Dewey Cordle
Prayer	Shawn Gragg	Rich Book
L O R D S	Server 6 Server 5 Server 4	Jerry Gamp Josh Coriell Mike Gamp
Wine	Don Ramey	Ira Coriell
S U P P E R	Bread Server 3 Server 2 Server 1	Michael Dixon Bill Gammon Spike Ferrell Aaron Kallner Dale Gamp Gary Glispie Terry Grashel
Message	Jon Coriell	Unknown
Closing Prayer	Jack Jennings	Rick Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Director	Tyler Jones	Aaron McCray
Scripture Reading	Eric Copas	Davey Coriell
Lord's Supper	Gabe Coriell	Jamie Riley
Assist	Matthew Hoskins	Greg Coriell
Prayer	Mark Villinger	Dave Coriell
<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>1 Peter 2</i>	<i>1 Peter 3</i>

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Jacob Miller	Wayne Gamp
Prayer	Jamie Veach	Caleb Miller
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	2 Samuel 7-8, Psalm 23	<i>2 Samuel 9-10</i>

Children's Bible Time

January Theme: *Let God Lead*

3-5: Jessie Coriell, Rikki Richmond, Vanessa Dixon

6-8: Cathy Coriell, Becky Dixon, Renee Higbee

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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