

HOW TO BE A GOOD TEACHER

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A) Follow the example of Christ – Here is how He taught:

- 1) He set the proper example – He led the way (Matt. 4:19)
- 2) He took them with Him
- 3) He told stories
- 4) He asked questions
- 5) He used discussions
- 6) He used events / happenings (Lazarus, Bread)
- 7) He gave assignments (He sent them out 2x2)

B) Live what you teach (Ezra 7:10; I Cor. 11:1; I Tim 4:12)

Ezra: Prayed, Pondered, Practiced, Preached

Poem (“There are little eyes upon you”) Phil. 3:17; 4:19

Poem (“I’d rather see a sermon than hear one any day”)

C) Be prepared – ask yourself these questions:

- 1) What do they need? – purpose of the lesson
- 2) What passage should I use?
- 3) What methods should I use?
- 4) How can I illustrate the lesson (Bible examples, true-life stories, illustrations like Jesus’ parables)?
- 5) What will I ask them to do?
- 6) What visual aids can I use?

D) Hand Illustration -- A person remembers 15% from hearing but 100% from memorizing (Note the chart on the Scripture Memory handout or on ronhood.org)

E) Laws of Teaching

- 1) **Law of the learning process:** “The pupil must reproduce in his own mind the truth to be learned, and express it in his own words.”
- 2) **Law of the teaching process:** “The teacher must excite and direct the self activity of the pupil, and as a rule tell him nothing he should learn for himself.” **“If you give a man a fish, he can eat for a day; if you teach him how to fish, he can eat for a lifetime.”**

F) Suggestions

- 1) Get to know them.
- 2) Pray for them – visualize their situations and needs
- 3) Plan ahead and start early in the week to prepare
- 4) Use visual aids
- 5) Use stories and illustrations
- 6) Involve them
- 7) Ask them to do something.

Poem (“Christ has no hands but our hands”)