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• A teacher is one who imparts information or skill to others by word or by example. An effective teacher usually provides explanation or supporting evidence or he employs some other method intended to help hearers to accept and remember what they hear.

• Yehowah God, the Creator, is the Grand Instructor, or Teacher, of his servants.

• Then may you yourself hear from the heavens, and you must forgive the sin of your servants, even of your people Israel, because you teach them the good way in which they should walk, and you must give rain upon your land that you have given to your people as a hereditary possession. ([1 Kings 8:36](#))

• Instruct me, O Yehowah, in your way, and lead me in the path of uprightness on account of my foes. ([Psalms 27:11](#))

• Instruct me, O Yehowah, about your way. I shall walk in your truth. Unify my heart to fear your name. ([Psalms 86:11](#))

• From your judicial decisions I have not turned aside, for you yourself have instructed me. ([Psalms 119:102](#))

• And Yehowah will certainly give you people bread in the form of distress and water in the form of oppression, yet your Grand Instructor will no longer hide himself, and your eyes must become eyes seeing your Grand Instructor. ([Isaiah 30:20](#))

• And all your sons will be persons taught by Yehowah, and the peace of your sons will be abundant. ([Isaiah 54:13](#))

- **The creative works themselves teach that an all-wise God exists, and they provide a field for investigation and observation that to the present day has only been partially tapped.**
- **However, ask, please, the domestic animals, and they will instruct you, also the winged creatures of the heavens, and they will tell you. (Job 12:7)**
- **Or show your concern to the earth, and it will instruct you, and the fishes of the sea will declare it to you. (Job 12:8)**
- **Who among all these does not well know that the hand of Yehowah itself has done this. (Job 12:9)**
- **Additionally, by means of special revelations, Yehowah God has taught human's his name, purposes, and Laws.**
- **So now go, and I myself shall prove to be with your mouth and I will teach you what you ought to say. (Exodus 4:12)**
- **And you must speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I myself shall prove to be with your mouth and his mouth, and I will teach you men what you are to do. (Exodus 4:15)**
- **Yehowah now said to Moses; Come up to me in the mountain and stay there, as I want to give you the stone tablets and the Law and the commandment that I must write in order to teach them. (Exodus 24:12)**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to come down in the cloud and station himself with him there and declare the name of Yehowah. (Exodus 34:5)**
- **And Yehowah went passing by before his face and declaring; Yehowah, Yehowah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness and truth. (Exodus 34:6)**
- **Preserving loving-kindness for thousands, pardoning error and transgression and sin, but by no means will he give exemption from punishment, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons and upon grandsons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation. (Exodus 34:7)**

- Such revelations are found in God's Word, the Bible, and serve as a basis for correct **teaching** regarding his will.
- For all the things that were written aforetime were written for our instruction, that through our endurance and through the comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope. (**Romans 15:4**)
- You, however, continue in the things that you learned and were persuaded to believe, knowing from what persons you learned them. (**2 Timothy 3:14**)
- And that from infancy you have known the holy writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through the faith in connection with Christ Jesus. (**2 Timothy 3:15**)
- All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for **teaching**, for reproof, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (**2 Timothy 3:16**)
- That the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work. (**2 Timothy 3:17**)
- God's spirit also functions as a **teacher**.
- But the helper, the Holy Spirit, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you. (**John 14:26**)

• Teaching Among The Israelites

- In Israel, parents had the God-given responsibility of **teaching** their children.
- Only watch out for yourself and take good care of your soul, that you may not forget the things that your eyes have seen and that they may not depart from your heart all the days of your life, and you must make them known to your sons and to your grandsons. (**Deuteronomy 4:9**)
- And you must inculcate them in your son and speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. (**Deuteronomy 6:7**)
- In case your son should ask you in a future day, saying; What do

the testimonies and the regulations and the judicial decisions mean that Yehowah our God has commanded you?
(Deuteronomy 6:20)

- Then you must say to your son; We became slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, but Yehowah proceeded to bring us out of Egypt with a strong hand. (Deuteronomy 6:21)
- You must also **teach** them to your sons, so as to speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. (Deuteronomy 11:19)
- And you must write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 11:20)
- In order, that your days and the days of your sons may be many on the soil that Yehowah swore to your forefathers to give to them, as the days of the heavens over the earth. (Deuteronomy 11:21)
- Do give ear, O my people, to my Law, incline your ear to the sayings of my mouth. (Psalms 78:1)
- In a proverbial saying I will open my mouth, I will cause riddles of long ago to bubble forth. (Psalms 78:2)
- Which we have heard and know, and which our own fathers have related to us. (Psalms 78:3)
- Which we do not hide from their sons, relating them even to the generation to come, the praises of Yehowah and his strength and his wonderful things that he has done. (Psalms 78:4)
- For the nation as a whole, prophets, Levites, especially the priests, and other wise men served as **teachers**.
- And he went on to say to the Levites, the instructors of all Israel, those holy to Yehowah; Put the holy Ark in the house that Solomon the son of David the king of Israel built, it is not yours as a burden upon the shoulder. Now serve Yehowah your God and his people Israel. (2 Chronicles 35:3)
- And they proceeded to say; Come, men, and let us think out against Jeremiah some thoughts, for the Law will not perish from

the priest or counsel from the wise one or the word from the prophet. Come and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us pay no attention to any of his words. (**Jeremiah 18:18**)

See Also EDUCATION

· Prophets

- The prophets **taught** the people about Yehowah's attributes and purposes, exposed the wrongdoing of the Israelites, and outlined the right course for them to take. Often prophets imparted their **teaching** orally, later committing it to writing.
- As for me also, it is unthinkable, on my part, to sin against Yehowah by ceasing to pray in your behalf, and I must **instruct** you in the good and right way. (**1 Samuel 12:23**)
- Only fear Yehowah, and you must serve him in truth with all your heart, for see what great things he has done for you. (**1 Samuel 12:24**)
- But if you flagrantly do what is bad, you will be swept away, both you and your king. (**1 Samuel 12:25**)
- And Yehowah proceeded to say to Isaiah; Go out, please, to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, to the end of the conduit of the upper pool by the highway of the laundryman's field. (**Isaiah 7:3**)
- And you must say to him; Watch yourself and keep undisturbed. Do not be afraid, and do not let your heart itself be timid because of the two tail ends of these smoking logs, because of the hot anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. (**Isaiah 7:4**)
- This is what the Sovereign Lord, Yehowah of armies, has said; Go, enter in to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the house. (**Isaiah 22:15**)
- What is there of interest to you here, and who is there of interest to you here, that you have hewed out for yourself here a burial place? On a height he is hewing out his burial place, in a crag he is cutting out a residence for himself. (**Isaiah 22:16**)
- Go, and you must call out in the ears of Jerusalem, saying; This

is what Yehowah has said; I well remember, on your part, the loving-kindness of your youth, the love during your being engaged to marry, your walking after me in the wilderness, in a land not sown with seed. (**Jeremiah 2:2**)

- Their **teaching** methods included the use of questions.
- Therefore this is what Yehowah has said; Ask for yourselves, please, among the nations. Who has heard things like these? There is a horrible thing that the virgin of Israel has done to an excess. (**Jeremiah 18:13**)
- Will the snow of Lebanon go away from the rock of the open field? Or will strange waters, cool, trickling, be dried up? (**Jeremiah 18:14**)
- Will two walk together unless they have met by appointment? (**Amos 3:3**)
- Will a lion roar in the forest when it has no prey? Will a young maned lion give forth its voice from its hiding place if it has caught nothing at all? (**Amos 3:4**)
- Will a bird fall into a trap on the earth when there is no snare for it? Does a trap go up from the ground when it has absolutely caught nothing? (**Amos 3:5**)
- If a horn is blown in a city, do not also the people themselves tremble? If a calamity occurs in the city, is it not also Yehowah who has acted? (**Amos 3:6**)
- For the Sovereign Lord Yehowah will not do a thing unless he has revealed his confidential matter to his servants the prophets. (**Amos 3:7**)
- There is a lion that has roared! Who will not be afraid? The Sovereign Lord Yehowah himself has spoken! Who will not prophesy? (**Amos 3:8**)
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Ask, please, the priests as to the law, saying; (**Haggai 2:11**)
- If a man carries holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and he actually touches with his skirt bread or stew or wine or oil or any

- sort of food, will it become holy? And the priests proceeded to answer and say; No! (**Haggai 2:12**)
- And Haggai went on to say; If someone unclean by a deceased soul touches any of these things, will it become unclean? In turn the priests answered and said; It will become unclean. (**Haggai 2:13**)
 - Accordingly Haggai answered and said; That is how this people is, and that is how this nation is before me, is the utterance of Yehowah, and that is how all the work of their hands is, and whatever they present there. It is unclean. (**Haggai 2:14**)
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 - But now, please, set your heart on this from this day and forward, before there was the placing of a stone upon a stone in the temple of Yehowah. (**Haggai 2:15**)
 - From when those things happened to be, one came to a heap of twenty measures, and it proved to be ten, one came to the press vat to draw off fifty measures of the wine trough, and it proved to be twenty. (**Haggai 2:16**)
 - I struck you people with scorching and with mildew and with hail, even all the work of your hands, and there was no one with you turning to me, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Haggai 2:17**)
 - Set your heart, please, on this from this day and forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the temple of Yehowah was laid, set your heart on this. (**Haggai 2:18**)
 - Is there as yet the seed in the grain pit? And as yet, the vine and the fig tree and the pomegranate tree and the olive tree, it has not borne, has it? From this day I shall bestow blessing. (**Haggai 2:19**)
 - And the word of Yehowah proceeded to occur a second time to

Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying; (**Haggai 2:20**)

- Will the ax enhance itself over the one chopping with it, or the saw magnify itself over the one moving it back and forth, as though the staff moved back and forth the ones raising it on high, as though the rod raised on high the one who is not wood? (**Isaiah 10:15**)
- And I proceeded to go down to the house of the potter, and there he was doing work upon the potters wheels. (**Jeremiah 18:3**)
- And the vessel that he was making with the clay was spoiled by the potters hand, and he turned back and went making it into another vessel, just as it looked right in the eyes of the potter to make. (**Jeremiah 18:4**)
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; (**Jeremiah 18:5**)
- Am I not able to do just like this potter to you people, O house of Israel? Is the utterance of Yehowah. Look! As the clay in the hand of the potter, so you are in my hand, O house of Israel. (**Jeremiah 18:6**)
- At any moment that I may speak against a nation and against a kingdom to uproot it and to pull it down and to destroy it. (**Jeremiah 18:7**)
- And that nation actually turns back from its badness against which I spoke, I will also feel regret over the calamity that I had thought to execute upon it. (**Jeremiah 18:8**)
- But at any moment that I may speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom to build it up and to plant it. (**Jeremiah 18:9**)
- And it actually does what is bad in my eyes by not obeying my voice, I will also feel regret over the good that I said to myself to do for its good. (**Jeremiah 18:10**)
- Riddles,
- Son of man, propound a riddle and compose a proverbial saying

- toward the house of Israel. (**Ezekiel 17:2**)
- **Symbolic acts,**
 - **Ahijah now took hold of the new garment that was on him and ripped it into twelve pieces. (**1 Kings 11:30**)**
 - **And he went on to say to Jeroboam; Take for yourself ten pieces, for this is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; Here I am ripping the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and I shall certainly give you ten tribes. (**1 Kings 11:31**)**
 - **And the one tribe is what will continue his for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel. (**1 Kings 11:32**)**
 - **Take the belt that you got, that is upon your hips, and rise up, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the crag. (**Jeremiah 13:4**)**
 - **So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, just as Yehowah had commanded me. (**Jeremiah 13:5**)**
 - **But it came about at the end of many days that Yehowah proceeded to say to me; Rise up, go to the Euphrates and take from there the belt that I commanded you to hide there. (**Jeremiah 13:6**)**
 - **Accordingly I went to the Euphrates and dug and took the belt from the place in which I had hid it, and, look! The belt had been ruined, it was not fit for anything. (**Jeremiah 13:7**)**
 - **Then the word of Yehowah occurred to me, saying; (**Jeremiah 13:8**)**
 - **This is what Yehowah has said; In the same way I shall bring to ruin the pride of Judah and the abundant pride of Jerusalem. (**Jeremiah 13:9**)**
 - **This bad people who are refusing to obey my words, who are walking in the stubbornness of their heart and who keep walking after other gods in order to serve them and to bow down to them, will also become just like this belt that is fit for nothing. (**Jeremiah 13:10**)**

- **For just as a belt clings to the hips of a man, so I caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling even to me, is the utterance of Yehowah, in order to become to me a people and a name and a praise and something beautiful, but they did not obey. (Jeremiah 13:11)**
- **This is what Yehowah said; Go, and you must get an earthenware flask of a potter and some of the older men of the people and some of the older men of the priests. (Jeremiah 19:1)**
- **And you must go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is at the entrance of the Gate of the Potsherds. And there you must proclaim the words that I shall speak to you. (Jeremiah 19:2)**
- **And you must say; Hear the word of Yehowah, O you kings of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem. This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Here I am bringing a calamity upon this place, of which when anyone hears, his ears will tingle. (Jeremiah 19:3)**
- **For the reason that they have left me and have proceeded to make this place unrecognizable and to make sacrificial smoke in it to other gods whom they had not known, they and their forefathers and the kings of Judah, and they have filled this place with the blood of the innocent ones. (Jeremiah 19:4)**
- **And they built the high places of the Baal in order to burn their sons in the fire as whole burnt offerings to the Baal, something that I had not commanded or spoken of, and that had not come up into my heart. (Jeremiah 19:5)**
- **Therefore, look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, when this place will be called no more Topheth and the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of the killing. (Jeremiah 19:6)**
- **And I will make void the counsel of Judah and of Jerusalem in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hand of those seeking for their soul. And I will give their dead bodies as food to the flying creatures of the heavens and to the beasts of the earth. (Jeremiah 19:7)**
- **And I will make this city an object of astonishment and**

something to be whistled at. Every last one passing along by it will stare in astonishment and whistle over all its plagues. **(Jeremiah 19:8)**

- **And I will make them eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they will eat each one the flesh of his fellowman, because of the tightness and because of the stress with which their enemies and those seeking for their soul will hem them in. (Jeremiah 19:9)**
- **And you must break the flask before the eyes of the men who are going with you. (Jeremiah 19:10)**
- **And you must say to them; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; In the same way I shall break this people and this city as someone breaks the vessel of the potter so that it is no more able to be repaired, and in Topheth they will bury until there is no more place to bury. (Jeremiah 19:11)**
- **That is how I shall do to this place, is the utterance of Yehowah, and to the inhabitants of it, even to make this city like Topheth. (Jeremiah 19:12)**
- **This is what Yehowah has said to me; Make for yourself bands and yoke bars, and you must put them upon your neck. (Jeremiah 27:2)**
- **At that Hananiah the prophet took the yoke bar from off the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke it. (Jeremiah 28:10)**
- **And Hananiah went on to say before the eyes of all the people; This is what Yehowah has said; Just like this I shall break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon within two full years more from off the neck of all the nations. And Jeremiah the prophet proceeded to go his way. (Jeremiah 28:11)**
- **Then the word of Yehowah occurred to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke bar from off the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, saying; (Jeremiah 28:12)**
- **Go, and you must say to Hananiah, This is what Yehowah has said; Yoke bars of wood you have broken, and instead of them you will have to make yoke bars of iron. (Jeremiah 28:13)**

- **For this is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; A yoke of iron I will put upon the neck of all these nations, to serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and they must serve him. And even the wild beasts of the field I will give him. (Jeremiah 28:14)**
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·· **Priests And Levites**

- **It was the responsibility of the priests and Levites to teach God's Law to the nation of Israel.**
- **And in order to teach the sons of Israel all the regulations that Yehowah has spoken to them by means of Moses. (Leviticus 10:11)**
- **In order to give instructions when something is unclean and when something is clean. This is the Law about leprosy. (Leviticus 14:57)**
- **And many were the days that Israel had been without a true God and without a priest teaching and without Law. (2 Chronicles 15:3)**
- **And he went on to say to the Levites, the instructors of all Israel, those holy to Yehowah; Put the holy Ark in the house that Solomon the son of David the king of Israel built, it is not yours as a burden upon the shoulder. Now serve Yehowah your God and his people Israel. (2 Chronicles 35:3)**
- **This was accomplished in various ways. Every Sabbath year, during the Festival of Booths, the entire Law was read to all the people men, women, children, and alien residents.**
- **Then Moses wrote this Law and gave it to the priests the sons of Levi, the carriers of the ark of Yehowah's covenant, and to all the older men of Israel. (Deuteronomy 31:9)**
- **And Moses went on to command them, saying; At the end of**

every seven years, in the appointed time of the year of the release, in the festival of booths. (**Deuteronomy 31:10**)

- **When all Israel comes to see the face of Yehowah your God in the place that he will choose, you will read this Law in front of all Israel in their hearing. (**Deuteronomy 31:11**)**
- **Congregate the people, the men and the women and the little ones and your alien resident who is within your gates, in order, that they may listen and in order, that they may learn, as they must fear Yehowah your God and take care to carry out all the words of this Law. (**Deuteronomy 31:12**)**
- **And their sons who have not known should listen, and they must learn to fear Yehowah your God all the days that you are living upon the soil to which you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of it. (**Deuteronomy 31:13**)**
- **At times, by getting responses from the people, the Levites would impress the divine laws upon the listeners.**
- **And the Levites must answer and say with raised voice to every man of Israel. (**Deuteronomy 27:14**)**
- **Cursed is the man who makes a carved image or a molten statue, a thing detestable to Yehowah, the manufacture of the hands of a wood-and-metal worker, and who has put it in a hiding place. And all the people must answer and say; Amen! (**Deuteronomy 27:15**)**
- **Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt. And all the people must say; Amen! (**Deuteronomy 27:16**)**
- **Cursed is the one who moves back the boundary mark of his fellowman. And all the people must say; Amen! (**Deuteronomy 27:17**)**
- **Cursed is the one who causes the blind to go astray in the way. And all the people must say; Amen! (**Deuteronomy 27:18**)**
- **Cursed is the one who perverts the judgment of an alien resident, a fatherless boy and a widow. And all the people must say; Amen! (**Deuteronomy 27:19**)**

- **Cursed is the one who lies down with his father's wife, because he has uncovered the skirt of his father. And all the people must say; Amen! (Deuteronomy 27:20)**
- **Cursed is the one who lies down with any beast. And all the people must say; Amen! (Deuteronomy 27:21)**
- **Cursed is the one who lies down with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother. And all the people must say; Amen! (Deuteronomy 27:22)**
- **Cursed is the one who lies down with his mother-in-law. And all the people must say; Amen! (Deuteronomy 27:23)**
- **Cursed is the one who fatally strikes his fellowman from a hiding place. And all the people must say; Amen! (Deuteronomy 27:24)**
- **Cursed is the one who accepts a bribe to strike a soul fatally, when it is innocent blood. And all the people must say; Amen! (Deuteronomy 27:25)**
- **Cursed is the one who will not put the words of this Law in force by doing them. And all the people must say; Amen! (Deuteronomy 27:26)**
- **Besides reading the Law, the priests and Levites doubtless explained its significance.**
- **And they continued reading aloud from the book, from the Law of the true God, it being expounded, and there being a putting of meaning into it, and they continued giving understanding in the reading. (Nehemiah 8:8)**
- **And the judicial decisions rendered by them **taught** principles of divine justice.**
- **In case a matter for judicial decision should be too extraordinary for you, one in which blood has been shed, in which a legal claim has been raised, or a violent deed has been committed, matters of dispute, inside your gates, you must also rise and go up to the place that Yehowah your God will choose. (Deuteronomy 17:8)**
- **And you must go to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge who**

will be acting in those days, and you must make inquiry, and they must hand down to you the word of the judicial decision. **(Deuteronomy 17:9)**

- **Then you must do in accordance with the word that they will hand down to you from that place which Yehowah will choose, and you must be careful to do according to all that they instruct you. (Deuteronomy 17:10)**
- **In accordance with the Law that they will point out to you, and according to the judicial decision that they will say to you, you should do. You must not turn aside from the word that they will hand down to you, to the right or to the left. (Deuteronomy 17:11)**
- **And the man who will behave with presumptuousness in not listening to the priest who is standing to minister there to Yehowah your God or to the judge, that man must die, and you must clear out what is bad from Israel. (Deuteronomy 17:12)**
- **And all the people will hear and become afraid, and they will not act presumptuously anymore. (Deuteronomy 17:13)**
- **Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outside business as officers and as judges over Israel. (1 Chronicles 26:29)**
- **And in Jerusalem also Jehoshaphat stationed some of the Levites and the priests and some of the heads of the paternal houses of Israel for the judgment of Yehowah and for the legal cases of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 19:8)**
- **Further, he laid a command upon them, saying; This is how you should do in the fear of Yehowah with faithfulness and with a complete heart. (2 Chronicles 19:9)**
- **As for every legal case that will come to you of your brothers who are dwelling in their cities, involving the shedding of blood, involving Law and commandment and regulations and judicial decisions, you must warn them that they may not do wrong against Yehowah and indignation may not have to take place against you and against your brothers. This is how you should do that you may not incur guilt. (2 Chronicles 19:10)**

- And here is Amariah the chief priest over you for every matter of Yehowah, and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael the leader of the house of Judah for every matter of the king, and as officers the Levites are available for you. Be strong and act, and let Yehowah prove to be with what is good. ([2 Chronicles 19:11](#))

· Scribes

- In the time of Jesus earthly ministry, the scribes were prominent as **teachers of the Law**. But they did not come to grips with the real problems and needs of the people.

- Like the Pharisees, the scribes placed greater emphasis on technical regulations and traditions than on mercy, justice, and faithfulness. They made the Law burdensome to the people.

- The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the seat of Moses. ([Matthew 23:2](#))

- Therefore all the things they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds, for they say but do not perform. ([Matthew 23:3](#))

- They bind up heavy loads and put them upon the shoulders of men, but they themselves are not willing to budge them with their finger. ([Matthew 23:4](#))

- Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you give the tenth of the mint and the dill and the cumin, but you have disregarded the weightier matters of the Law, namely, justice and mercy and faithfulness. These things it was binding to do, yet not to disregard the other things. ([Matthew 23:23](#))

- Blind guides, who strain out the gnat but gulp down the camel! ([Matthew 23:24](#))

- In answer a certain one of those versed in the Law said to him; **Teacher**, in saying these things you also insult us. ([Luke 11:45](#))

- Then he said; Woe also to you who are versed in the Law, because you load men with loads hard to be borne, but you yourselves do not touch the loads with one of your fingers! ([Luke 11:46](#))

- Their **teaching** was not as effective as it could have been, for they assumed a superior attitude toward the common people and did not prove themselves to be examples worthy of imitation.
- Therefore all the things they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds, for they say but do not perform. (**Matthew 23:3**)
- They like the most prominent place at evening meals and the front seats in the synagogues. (**Matthew 23:6**)
- And the greetings in the marketplaces and to be called Rabbi by men. (**Matthew 23:7**)
- Not one of the rulers or of the Pharisees has put faith in him, has he? (**John 7:48**)
- But this crowd that does not know the Law are accursed people. (**John 7:49**)

See Also SCRIBE

•• **What Made The Teaching Done By Jesus So Effective**

- Although the religious leaders of Judaism evidently were not sincere in addressing him as, **Teacher**, **Greek**, *Di-da'ska-los*, Jesus Christ was recognized as such by both believers and unbelievers.
- And a certain scribe came up and said to him; **Teacher**, I will follow you wherever you are about to go. (**Matthew 8:19**)
- But on seeing this the Pharisees began to say to his disciples; Why is it that your **teacher** eats with tax collectors and sinners? (**Matthew 9:11**)
- Then as an answer to him some of the scribes and Pharisees said; **Teacher**, we want to see a sign from you. (**Matthew 12:38**)
- Now, look! A certain one came up to him and said; **Teacher**, what good must I do in order to get everlasting life? (**Matthew 19:16**)
- So they dispatched to him their disciples, together with party followers of Herod, saying; **Teacher**, we know you are truthful

and teach the way of God in truth, and you do not care for anybody, for you do not look upon mens outward appearance. (Matthew 22:16)

- **Teacher**, Moses said; If any man dies without having children, his brother must take his wife in marriage and raise up offspring for his brother. (Matthew 22:24)
- **Teacher**, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? (Matthew 22:36)
- This one came to him in the night and said to him; **Rabbi**, we know that you as a teacher have come from God, for no one can perform these signs that you perform unless God is with him. (John 3:2)
- Officers sent to arrest him were so impressed with his **teaching** that they returned empty-handed, saying; Never has another man spoken like this.
- The officers replied; Never has another man spoken like this. (John 7:46)
- Jesus **taught** as a person having authority, and not as the scribes.
- For he was **teaching** them as a person having authority, and not as their scribes. (Matthew 7:29)
- The Source of his **teaching** was God.
- Jesus, in turn, answered them and said; What I **teach** is not mine, but belongs to him that sent me. (John 7:16)
- Therefore Jesus said; When once you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing of my own initiative, but just as the Father taught me I speak these things. (John 8:28)
- And Jesus conveyed information with simplicity, irrefutable logic, thought-provoking questions, striking figures of speech, and meaningful illustrations drawn from things familiar to his listeners.
- On this account I say to you, stop being anxious about your souls as to what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your

bodies as to what you will wear. Does not the soul mean more than food and the body than clothing? ([Matthew 6:25](#))

- **Observe intently the birds of heaven, because they do not sow seed or reap or gather into storehouses, still your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they are? ([Matthew 6:26](#))**
- **Who of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his life span? ([Matthew 6:27](#))**
- **Also, on the matter of clothing, why are you anxious? Take a lesson from the lilies of the field, how they are growing, they do not toil, nor do they spin. ([Matthew 6:28](#))**
- **But I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. ([Matthew 6:29](#))**
- **If, now, God thus clothes the vegetation of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much rather clothe you, you with little faith? ([Matthew 6:30](#))**
- **Why, then, do you look at the straw in your brothers eye, but do not consider the rafter in your own eye? ([Matthew 7:3](#))**
- **Or how can you say to your brother; Allow me to extract the straw from your eye. When, look! A rafter is in your own eye? ([Matthew 7:4](#))**
- **Hypocrite! First extract the rafter from your own eye, and then you will see clearly how to extract the straw from your brothers eye. ([Matthew 7:5](#))**
- **Therefore everyone that hears these sayings of mine and does them will be likened to a discreet man, who built his house upon the rock-mass. ([Matthew 7:24](#))**
- **And the rain poured down and the floods came and the winds blew and lashed against that house, but it did not cave in, for it had been founded upon the rock-mass. ([Matthew 7:25](#))**
- **Furthermore, everyone hearing these sayings of mine and not doing them will be likened to a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. ([Matthew 7:26](#))**

- **And the rain poured down and the floods came and the winds blew and struck against that house and it caved in, and its collapse was great. (Matthew 7:27)**
- **Jesus also used object lessons, on one occasion washing the feet of his disciples in order to teach them that they should serve one another.**
- **So, while the evening meal was going on, the Devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray him. (John 13:2)**
- **He, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he came forth from God and was going to God. (John 13:3)**
- **Got up from the evening meal and laid aside his outer garments. And, taking a towel, he girded himself. (John 13:4)**
- **After that he put water into a basin and started to wash the feet of the disciples and to dry them off with the towel with which he was girded. (John 13:5)**
- **And so he came to Simon Peter. He said to him; Lord, are you washing my feet? (John 13:6)**
- **In answer Jesus said to him; What I am doing you do not understand at present, but you will understand after these things. (John 13:7)**
- **Peter said to him; You will certainly never wash my feet. Jesus answered him; Unless I wash you, you have no part with me. (John 13:8)**
- **Simon Peter said to him; Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. (John 13:9)**
- **Jesus said to him; He that has bathed does not need to have more than his feet washed, but is wholly clean. And you men are clean, but not all. (John 13:10)**
- **He knew, indeed, the man betraying him. This is why he said; Not all of you are clean. (John 13:11)**

- **When, now, he had washed their feet and had put his outer garments on and laid himself down at the table again, he said to them; Do you know what I have done to you? (John 13:12)**
- **You address me, **Teacher**, and, **Lord**, and you speak rightly, for I am such. (John 13:13)**
- **Therefore, if I, although Lord and **Teacher**, washed your feet, you also ought to wash the feet of one another. (John 13:14)**
- **For I set the pattern for you, that, just as I did to you, you should do also. (John 13:15)**
- **Most truly I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one that is sent forth greater than the one that sent him. (John 13:16)**

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- **Jesus knowledge was enhanced by his having had an intimate relationship with his Father and God before coming to the earth. Therefore he knew God as no other man did, and this enabled him to provide authoritative **teaching** concerning his Father.**
- **As Jesus himself said; No one fully knows the Son but the Father, neither does anyone fully know the Father but the Son and anyone to whom the Son is willing to reveal him.**
- **All things have been delivered to me by my Father, and no one fully knows the Son but the Father, neither does anyone fully know the Father but the Son and anyone to whom the Son is willing to reveal him. (Matthew 11:27)**
- **No man has seen God at any time, the only-begotten god who is in the bosom position with the Father is the one that has explained him. (John 1:18)**
- **Jesus was also thoroughly acquainted with God's written Word. When asked which commandment was the greatest in the Law, without hesitation he summed up the entire Law in two commandments, quoting from.**
- **And you must love Yehowah your God with all your heart and all**

- your soul and all your vital force. (**Deuteronomy 6:5**)
- You must not take vengeance nor have a grudge against the sons of your people, and you must love your fellow as yourself. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 19:18**)
 - **Teacher**, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? (**Matthew 22:36**)
 - He said to him; You must love Yehowah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind. (**Matthew 22:37**)
 - This is the greatest and first commandment. (**Matthew 22:38**)
 - The second, like it, is this; You must love your neighbor as yourself. (**Matthew 22:39**)
 - On these two commandments the whole Law hangs, and the Prophets. (**Matthew 22:40**)
 - During the course of his ministry, he is known to have referred to or expressed thoughts that parallel passages from about half of the books of the Hebrew Scripture.
 - That is why a man will leave his father and his mother and he must stick to his wife and they must become one flesh. (**Genesis 2:24**)
 - And said; For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will stick to his wife, and the two will be one flesh? (**Matthew 19:5**)
 - On this account a man will leave his father and mother. (**Mark 10:7**)
 - And the two will be one flesh, so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. (**Mark 10:8**)
 - And he went on to say; I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Then Moses concealed his face, because he was afraid to look at the true God. (**Exodus 3:6**)

- **I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is the God, not of the dead, but of the living. (Matthew 22:32)**
- **But that the dead are raised up even Moses disclosed, in the account about the thornbush, when he calls Yehowah the God of Abraham and God of Isaac and God of Jacob. (Luke 20:37)**
- **This will become the Law of the leper in the day for establishing his purification, when he must be brought to the priest. (Leviticus 14:2)**
- **And the priest must go forth outside the camp, and the priest must look, and if the plague of leprosy has been cured in the leprous one. (Leviticus 14:3)**
- **The priest must then give command, and he must take for cleansing himself two live clean birds and cedar wood and coccus scarlet material and hyssop. (Leviticus 14:4)**
- **And the priest must give command, and the one bird must be killed in an earthenware vessel over running water. (Leviticus 14:5)**
- **As for the living bird, he should take it and the cedar wood and the coccus scarlet material and the hyssop, and he must dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water. (Leviticus 14:6)**
- **Then he must spatter it seven times upon the one cleansing himself from the leprosy and he must pronounce him clean, and he must send away the living bird over the open field. (Leviticus 14:7)**
- **And the one cleansing himself must wash his garments and shave off all his hair and bathe in water and must be clean, and afterward he may come into the camp. And he must dwell outside his tent seven days. (Leviticus 14:8)**
- **And it must occur on the seventh day that he should shave off all his hair on his head and his chin and his eyebrows. Yes, he should shave off all his hair, and he must wash his garments and bathe his flesh in water, and he must be clean. (Leviticus 14:9)**

- **And on the eighth day he will take two sound young rams and one sound female lamb, in its first year, and three tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering moistened with oil and one log measure of oil. (Leviticus 14:10)**
- **And the priest who pronounces him clean must present the man who is cleansing himself, and the things, before Yehowah at the entrance of the tent of meeting. (Leviticus 14:11)**
- **And the priest must take the one young ram and offer it for a guilt offering together with the log measure of oil and must wave them to and fro as a wave offering before Yehowah. (Leviticus 14:12)**
- **And he must slaughter the young ram in the place where the sin offering and the burnt offering are regularly slaughtered, in a holy place, because, like the sin offering, the guilt offering belongs to the priest. It is something most holy. (Leviticus 14:13)**
- **And the priest must take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest must put it upon the lobe of the right ear of the one cleansing himself and upon the thumb of his right hand and upon the big toe of his right foot. (Leviticus 14:14)**
- **And the priest must take some of the log measure of oil and pour it upon the priests left palm. (Leviticus 14:15)**
- **And the priest must dip his right finger into the oil that is upon his left palm and must spatter some of the oil with his finger seven times before Yehowah. (Leviticus 14:16)**
- **And of the rest of the oil that is upon his palm the priest will put some upon the lobe of the right ear of the one cleansing himself and upon the thumb of his right hand and upon the big toe of his right foot over the blood of the guilt offering. (Leviticus 14:17)**
- **And what is left over of the oil that is upon the priests palm he will put upon the head of the one cleansing himself, and the priest must make atonement for him before Yehowah. (Leviticus 14:18)**
- **And the priest must render up the sin offering and make atonement for the one cleansing himself from his impurity, and**

afterward he will slaughter the burnt offering. (**Leviticus 14:19**)

- **And the priest must offer up the burnt offering and the grain offering upon the altar, and the priest must make atonement for him, and he must be clean. (Leviticus 14:20)**
- **However, if he is lowly and does not have enough means, he must then take one young ram as a guilt offering for a wave offering in order to make atonement for him and one tenth of an ephah of fine flour moistened with oil as a grain offering and a log measure of oil. (Leviticus 14:21)**
- **And two turtledoves or two young pigeons, according as he may have the means, and the one must serve as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering. (Leviticus 14:22)**
- **And on the eighth day he must bring them for establishing his purification to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting before Yehowah. (Leviticus 14:23)**
- **And the priest must take the young ram of the guilt offering and the log measure of oil, and the priest must wave them to and fro as a wave offering before Yehowah. (Leviticus 14:24)**
- **And he must slaughter the young ram of the guilt offering, and the priest must take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it upon the lobe of the right ear of the one cleansing himself and upon the thumb of his right hand and upon the big toe of his right foot. (Leviticus 14:25)**
- **And the priest will pour some of the oil upon the priests left palm. (Leviticus 14:26)**
- **And the priest must spatter with his right finger some of the oil that is upon his left palm seven times before Yehowah. (Leviticus 14:27)**
- **And the priest must put some of the oil that is on his palm upon the lobe of the right ear of the one cleansing himself and upon the thumb of his right hand and upon the big toe of his right foot over the place of the blood of the guilt offering. (Leviticus 14:28)**
- **And what is left over of the oil that is on the priests palm he will put upon the head of the one cleansing himself in order to make**

- atonement for him before Yehowah. (**Leviticus 14:29**)
- And he must render up the one of the turtledoves or of the young pigeons for which he may have the means. (**Leviticus 14:30**)
 - the one of them for which he may have the means as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering along with the grain offering, and the priest must make atonement for the one cleansing himself before Yehowah. (**Leviticus 14:31**)
 - This is the Law for the one in whom the plague of leprosy was who may not have the means when establishing his purification. (**Leviticus 14:32**)
 - Then Jesus said to him; See that you tell no one, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses appointed, for the purpose of a witness to them. (**Matthew 8:4**)
 - In case a man makes a vow to Yehowah or swears an oath to bind a vow of abstinence upon his soul, he must not violate his word. According to all that has gone out of his mouth he should do. (**Numbers 30:2**)
 - Again you heard that it was said to those of ancient times, You must not swear without performing, but you must pay your vows to Yehowah. (**Matthew 5:33**)
 - Honor your father and your mother, just as Yehowah your God has commanded you, in order, that your days may prove long and it may go well with you on the ground that Yehowah your God is giving you. (**Deuteronomy 5:16**)
 - For example, God said; Honor your father and your mother. And; Let him that reviles father or mother end up in death. (**Matthew 15:4**)
 - For example, Moses said; Honor your father and your mother. And; Let him that reviles father or mother end up in death. (**Mark 7:10**)
 - But the priest answered David and said; There is no ordinary bread under my hand, but there is holy bread, provided that the young men have at least kept themselves from womankind. (**1 Samuel 21:4**)

- **So David answered the priest and said to him; But womankind has been kept away from us the same as formerly when I went out, and the organisms of the young men continue holy, although the mission itself is ordinary. And how much more so today, when one becomes holy in his organism? (1 Samuel 21:5)**
- **At that the priest gave him what was holy, because there happened to be no bread there but the showbread that had been removed from before Yehowah so as to place fresh bread there on the day of its being taken away. (1 Samuel 21:6)**
- **He said to them; Have you not read what David did when he and the men with him got hungry? (Matthew 12:3)**
- **How he entered into the house of God and they ate the loaves of presentation, something that it was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him, but for the priests only? (Matthew 12:4)**
- **Rise up, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and you must dwell there. Look! I shall certainly command there a woman, a widow, to supply you food. (1 Kings 17:9)**
- **Yet Elijah was sent to none of those women, but only to Zarephath in the land of Sidon to a widow. (Luke 4:26)**
- **I have come to know that you are able to do all things, and there is no idea that is unattainable for you. (Job 42:2)**
- **Looking them in the face, Jesus said to them; With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26)**
- **Out of the mouth of children and sucklings you have founded strength, on account of those showing hostility to you, so as to make the enemy and the one taking his vengeance desist. (Psalms 8:2)**
- **Looking them in the face, Jesus said to them; With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26)**
- **The utterance of Yehowah to my Lord is; Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (Psalms 110:1)**
- **And said to him; Do you hear what these are saying? Jesus said**

- to them; Yes. Did you never read this: Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings you have furnished praise? (**Matthew 21:16**)
- **Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies beneath your feet? (**Matthew 22:44**)**
 - **In case you should say; Look! We did not know of this, will not he himself that is making an estimate of hearts discern it, and he himself that is observing your soul know and certainly pay back to earthling man according to his activity? (**Proverbs 24:12**)**
 - **For the Son of man is destined to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will recompense each one according to his behavior. (**Matthew 16:27**)**
 - **And he went on to say; Go, and you must say to this people, Hear again and again, O men, but do not understand, and see again and again, but do not get any knowledge. (**Isaiah 6:9**)**
 - **Make the heart of this people unreceptive, and make their very ears unresponsive, and paste their very eyes together, that they may not see with their eyes and with their ears they may not hear, and that their own heart may not understand and that they may not actually turn back and get healing for themselves. (**Isaiah 6:10**)**
 - **And toward them the prophecy of Isaiah is having fulfillment, which says; By hearing, you will hear but by no means get the sense of it, and, looking, you will look but by no means see. (**Matthew 13:14**)**
 - **For the heart of this people has grown unreceptive, and with their ears they have heard without response, and they have shut their eyes, that they might never see with their eyes and hear with their ears and get the sense of it with their hearts and turn back, and I heal them. (**Matthew 13:15**)**
 - **He has blinded their eyes and he has made their hearts hard, that they should not see with their eyes and get the thought with their hearts and turn around and I should heal them. (**John 12:40**)**
 - **Has this house upon which my name has been called become a mere cave of robbers in your eyes? Here I myself also have seen**

- it, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 7:11**)
- **And he said to them; It is written: My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a cave of robbers. (Matthew 21:13)**
 - **But he kept teaching and saying; Is it not written: My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But you have made it a cave of robbers. (Mark 11:17)**
 - **And he entered into the temple and started to throw out those who were selling. (Luke 19:45)**
 - **Saying to them; It is written: And my house will be a house of prayer, but you made it a cave of robbers. (Luke 19:46)**
 - **O how Yehowah in his anger beclouds the daughter of Zion! He has thrown down from heaven to earth the beauty of Israel. And he has not remembered his footstool in the day of his anger. (Lamentations 2:1)**
 - **Nor by earth, because it is the footstool of his feet, nor by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great King. (Matthew 5:35)**
 - **And he must keep the covenant in force for the many for one week, and at the half of the week he will cause sacrifice and gift offering to cease. And upon the wing of disgusting things there will be the one causing desolation, and until an extermination, the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. (Daniel 9:27)**
 - **Therefore, when you catch sight of the disgusting thing that causes desolation, as spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in a holy place, let the reader use discernment. (Matthew 24:15)**
 - **For in loving-kindness I have taken delight, and not in sacrifice; and in the knowledge of God rather than in whole burnt offerings. (Hosea 6:6)**
 - **Go, then, and learn what this means; I want mercy, and not sacrifice. For I came to call, not righteous people, but sinners. (Matthew 9:13)**

- **Now Yehowah appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, so that Jonah came to be in the inward parts of the fish three days and three nights. (Jonah 1:17)**
- **For just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights, so the Son of man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. (Matthew 12:40)**
- **For a son is despising a father, a daughter is rising up against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, a man's enemies are the men of his household. (Micah 7:6)**
- **Further, brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise up against parents and will have them put to death. (Matthew 10:21)**
- **For I came to cause division, with a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a young wife against her mother-in-law. (Matthew 10:35)**
- **Indeed, a man's enemies will be persons of his own household. (Matthew 10:36)**
- **O sword, awake against my shepherd, even against the able-bodied man who is my associate, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies. Strike the shepherd, and let those of the flock be scattered, and I shall certainly turn my hand back upon those who are insignificant. (Zechariah 13:7)**
- **Then Jesus said to them; All of you will be stumbled in connection with me on this night, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered about. (Matthew 26:31)**
- **Look! I am sending my messenger, and he must clear up a way before me. And suddenly there will come to His temple the true Lord, whom you people are seeking, and the messenger of the covenant in whom you are delighting. Look! He will certainly come, Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 3:1)**
- **This is he concerning whom it is written: Look! I myself am sending forth my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way ahead of you! (Matthew 11:10)**

- **Additionally, Jesus perfect example lent real force to what he taught.**
- **For I set the pattern for you, that, just as I did to you, you should do also. (John 13:15)**
- **He was not like the scribes and Pharisees, concerning whom Jesus said; All the things they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds, for they say but do not perform.**
- **Therefore all the things they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds, for they say but do not perform. (Matthew 23:3)**
- **Other aspects that made Jesus teaching authoritative and effective were his understanding of man and his loving concern for others. His keen discernment was enhanced by miraculous knowledge of the background and reasoning of others.**
- **Knowing their thoughts, he said to them; Every kingdom divided against itself comes to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. (Matthew 12:25)**
- **He, however, knew their reasonings, yet he said to the man with the withered hand; Get up and stand in the center. And he rose and took his stand. (Luke 6:8)**
- **Nathanael said to him; How does it come that you know me? Jesus in answer said to him; Before Philip called you, while you were under the fig tree, I saw you. (John 1:48)**
- **For you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. This you have said truthfully. (John 4:18)**
- **But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were murmuring about this, said to them; Does this stumble you? (John 6:61)**
- **But there are some of you that do not believe. For from the beginning Jesus knew who were the ones not believing and who was the one that would betray him. (John 6:64)**
- **He knew, indeed, the man betraying him. This is why he said; Not all of you are clean. (John 13:11)**

- **And because he was in no need to have anyone bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man. (John 2:25)**
- **His heart went out to the people to such an extent that he sacrificed needed rest to teach them. On one occasion Jesus and his disciples took a boat and headed for an isolated spot to rest up a bit.**
- **And he said to them; Come, you yourselves, privately into a lonely place and rest up a bit. For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure time even to eat a meal. (Mark 6:31)**
- **So off they went in the boat for a lonely place to themselves. (Mark 6:32)**
- **But people saw them going and many got to know it, and from all the cities they ran there together on foot and got ahead of them. (Mark 6:33)**
- **Well, on getting out, he saw a great crowd, but he was moved with pity for them, because they were as sheep without a shepherd. And he started to teach them many things. (Mark 6:34)**
- **Jesus treated his listeners with understanding. When his disciples did not get the point of an illustration, he patiently explained it to them.**
- **So the disciples came up and said to him; Why is it you speak to them by the use of illustrations? (Matthew 13:10)**
- **In reply he said; To you it is granted to understand the sacred secrets of the kingdom of the heavens, but to those people it is not granted. (Matthew 13:11)**
- **For whoever has, more will be given him and he will be made to abound, but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. (Matthew 13:12)**
- **This is why I speak to them by the use of illustrations, because, looking, they look in vain, and hearing, they hear in vain, neither do they get the sense of it. (Matthew 13:13)**

- **And toward them the prophecy of Isaiah is having fulfillment, which says; By hearing, you will hear but by no means get the sense of it, and, looking, you will look but by no means see. (Matthew 13:14)**
- **For the heart of this people has grown unreceptive, and with their ears they have heard without response, and they have shut their eyes, that they might never see with their eyes and hear with their ears and get the sense of it with their hearts and turn back, and I heal them. (Matthew 13:15)**
- **However, happy are your eyes because they behold, and your ears because they hear. (Matthew 13:16)**
- **For I truly say to you, Many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things you are beholding and did not see them, and to hear the things you are hearing and did not hear them. (Matthew 13:17)**
- **You, then, listen to the illustration of the man that sowed. (Matthew 13:18)**
- **Where anyone hears the word of the kingdom but does not get the sense of it, the wicked one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart, this is the one sown alongside the road. (Matthew 13:19)**
- **As for the one sown upon the rocky places, this is the one hearing the word and at once accepting it with joy. (Matthew 13:20)**
- **Yet he has no root in himself but continues for a time, and after tribulation or persecution has arisen on account of the word he is at once stumbled. (Matthew 13:21)**
- **As for the one sown among the thorns, this is the one hearing the word, but the anxiety of this system of things and the deceptive power of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. (Matthew 13:22)**
- **As for the one sown upon the fine soil, this is the one hearing the word and getting the sense of it, who really does bear fruit and produces, this one a hundredfold, that one sixty, the other thirty. (Matthew 13:23)**

- **Aware of their limitations, he did not give them too much information.**
- **Nevertheless, I have spoken these things to you that, when the hour for them arrives, you may remember I told them to you. These things, however, I did not tell you at first, because I was with you. (John 16:4)**
- **I have many things yet to say to you, but you are not able to bear them at present. (John 16:12)**
- **When needed, Jesus repeated practically identical information.**
- **So he sat down and called the twelve and said to them; If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and minister of all. (Mark 9:35)**
- **This is not the way among you, but whoever wants to become great among you must be your minister. (Mark 10:43)**
- **And whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of all. (Mark 10:44)**
- **In answering questions, Jesus often fortified his reply by means of illustrations or object lessons, thereby leaving a deep impression on the minds of the listeners and stirring up their thinking faculties.**
- **In that hour the disciples came near to Jesus and said; Who really is greatest in the kingdom of the heavens? (Matthew 18:1)**
- **So, calling a young child to him, he set it in their midst. (Matthew 18:2)**
- **And said; Truly I say to you, unless you turn around and become as young children, you will by no means enter into the kingdom of the heavens. (Matthew 18:3)**
- **Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this young child is the one that is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens. (Matthew 18:4)**
- **And whoever receives one such young child on the basis of my name receives me also. (Matthew 18:5)**

- **Then Peter came up and said to him; Lord, how many times is my brother to sin against me and am I to forgive him? Up to seven times? (Matthew 18:21)**
- **Jesus said to him; I say to you, not, up to seven times, but, up to seventy-seven times. (Matthew 18:22)**
- **That is why the kingdom of the heavens has become like a man, a king, that wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. (Matthew 18:23)**
- **When he started to settle them, there was brought in a man who owed him ten thousand talents equaling sixty-million denarii. (Matthew 18:24)**
- **But because he did not have the means to pay it back, his master ordered him and his wife and his children and all the things he had to be sold and payment to be made. (Matthew 18:25)**
- **Therefore the slave fell down and began to do obeisance to him, saying; Be patient with me and I will pay back everything to you. (Matthew 18:26)**
- **Moved to pity at this, the master of that slave let him off and canceled his debt. (Matthew 18:27)**
- **But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves that was owing him a hundred denarii, and, grabbing him, he began to choke him, saying; Pay back whatever you owe. (Matthew 18:28)**
- **Therefore his fellow slave fell down and began to entreat him, saying; Be patient with me and I will pay you back. (Matthew 18:29)**
- **However, he was not willing, but went off and had him thrown into prison until he should pay back what was owing. (Matthew 18:30)**
- **When, therefore, his fellow slaves saw the things that had happened, they became very much grieved, and they went and made clear to their master all the things that had happened. (Matthew 18:31)**

- **Then his master summoned him and said to him; Wicked slave, I canceled all that debt for you, when you entreated me. (Matthew 18:32)**
- **Ought you not, in turn, to have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I also had mercy on you? (Matthew 18:33)**
- **With that his master, provoked to wrath, delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay back all that was owing. (Matthew 18:34)**
- **In like manner my heavenly Father will also deal with you if you do not forgive each one his brother from your hearts. (Matthew 18:35)**
- **But, wanting to prove himself righteous, the man said to Jesus; Who really is my neighbor? (Luke 10:29)**
- **In reply Jesus said; A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among robbers, who both stripped him and inflicted blows, and went off, leaving him half-dead. (Luke 10:30)**
- **Now, by coincidence, a certain priest was going down over that road, but, when he saw him, he went by on the opposite side. (Luke 10:31)**
- **Likewise, a Levite also, when he got down to the place and saw him, went by on the opposite side. (Luke 10:32)**
- **But a certain Samaritan traveling the road came upon him and, at seeing him, he was moved with pity. (Luke 10:33)**
- **So he approached him and bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine upon them. Then he mounted him upon his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. (Luke 10:34)**
- **And the next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said; Take care of him, and whatever you spend besides this, I will repay you when I come back here. (Luke 10:35)**
- **Who of these three seems to you to have made himself neighbor**

to the man that fell among the robbers? (Luke 10:36)

- He said; The one that acted mercifully toward him. Jesus then said to him; Go your way and be doing the same yourself. (Luke 10:37)

•• God's Spirit Teaches

- During the three and a half years of his earthly ministry, Jesus trained his apostles to continue the work he had started. As imperfect human's, they could not possibly remember every detail of his **teaching**. But Jesus promised them:
 - But the helper, the Holy Spirit, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you. (John 14:26)
 - This meant that God's spirit would **teach** them whatever they needed to know to accomplish their ministry. Particularly would it open up to their understanding what they had previously heard but not understood.
 - As a remembrancer, the Holy Spirit would bring back to their minds things that Jesus had said while with them. And, as a **teacher**, it would show them the correct application of his words.
 - In answer Jesus said to them; Break down this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. (John 2:19)
 - Therefore the Jews said; This temple was built in forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days? (John 2:20)
 - But he was talking about the temple of his body. (John 2:21)
 - When, though, he was raised up from the dead, his disciples called to mind that he used to say this, and they believed the Scripture and the saying that Jesus said. (John 2:22)

See Also TRUTH (The Spirit of the Truth)

- When brought before public assemblies, kings, and other men in high governmental station, Jesus disciples could confidently rely on God's spirit as a **remembrancer** and **teacher**.

- Like a friend, it would bring back to their minds things to say and it would help them to make appropriate applications. This would result in giving a good witness and would also silence opposers.
- Why, you will be haled before governor's and kings for my sake, for a witness to them and the nations. ([Matthew 10:18](#))
- However, when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you are to speak, for what you are to speak will be given you in that hour. ([Matthew 10:19](#))
- For the ones speaking are not just you, but it is the spirit of your Father that speaks by you. ([Matthew 10:20](#))
- But when they are leading you along to deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand about what to speak, but whatever is given you in that hour, speak this, for you are not the ones speaking, but the Holy Spirit is. ([Mark 13:11](#))
- But when they bring you in before public assemblies and government officials and authorities, do not become anxious about how or what you will speak in defense or what you will say. ([Luke 12:11](#))
- For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour the things you ought to say. ([Luke 12:12](#))
- It will turn out to you for a witness. ([Luke 21:13](#))
- Therefore settle it in your hearts not to rehearse beforehand how to make your defense. ([Luke 21:14](#))
- For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your opposers together will not be able to resist or dispute. ([Luke 21:15](#))
- That is why Peter and John were able to speak boldly when questioned by the highest Jewish court, the Sanhedrin, about their having healed a man lame from birth.
- Their outspokenness was something completely unexpected from **unlettered and ordinary men**. It caused the members of the Sanhedrin to wonder. And Peter's words, coupled with the presence of the cured man, left these learned men with nothing to say in rebuttal.

- **The next day there took place in Jerusalem the gathering together of their rulers and older men and scribes. (Acts of Apostles 4:5)**
- **Also Annas the chief priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander and as many as were of the chief priests kinsfolk. (Acts of Apostles 4:6)**
- **And they stood them in their midst and began to inquire; By what power or in whose name did you do this? (Acts of Apostles 4:7)**
- **Then Peter, filled with Holy Spirit, said to them; Rulers of the people and older men. (Acts of Apostles 4:8)**
- **If we are this day being examined, on the basis of a good deed to an ailing man, as to by whom this man has been made well. (Acts of Apostles 4:9)**
- **Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you impaled but whom God raised up from the dead, by this one does this man stand here sound in front of you. (Acts of Apostles 4:10)**
- **This is the stone that was treated by you builders as of no account that has become the head of the corner. (Acts of Apostles 4:11)**
- **Furthermore, there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is not another name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved. (Acts of Apostles 4:12)**
- **Now when they beheld the outspokenness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were men unlettered and ordinary, they got to wondering. And they began to recognize about them that they used to be with Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 4:13)**
- **And as they were looking at the man that had been cured standing with them, they had nothing to say in rebuttal. (Acts of Apostles 4:14)**
- **Since all of God's Word was written under inspiration.**
- **All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for**

reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)

- It alone contains the spirits **teaching**. Therefore, **teaching** that conflicts with God's Word is not to be given any attention by Christians. As the apostle John wrote;

- And as for you, the anointing that you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to be **teaching** you, but, as the anointing from him is teaching you about all things, and is true and is no lie, and just as it has taught you, remain in union with him. (1 John 2:27)

- Those to whom John directed these words were spirit-begotten Christians. They had come to know both Yehowah God and his Son, Christ Jesus. They were fully acquainted with God's truth.

- So they did not need persons as teachers who denied the Father and the Son. Such **teachers** would only mislead them from what they knew to be the truth as taught by God's spirit and plainly set forth in the Sacred Writings.

- Young children, it is the last hour, and, just as you have heard that antichrist is coming, even now there have come to be many antichrists, from which fact we gain the knowledge that it is the last hour. (1 John 2:18)

- They went out from us, but they were not of our sort, for if they had been of our sort, they would have remained with us. But they went out that it might be shown up that not all are of our sort. (1 John 2:19)

- And you have an anointing from the holy one, all of you have knowledge. (1 John 2:20)

- I write you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie originates with the truth. (1 John 2:21)

- Who is the liar if it is not the one that denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one that denies the Father and the Son. (1 John 2:22)

- Everyone that denies the Son does not have the Father either.

He that confesses the Son has the Father also. (1 John 2:23)

- As for you, let that which you have heard from the beginning remain in you. If that which you have heard from the beginning remains in you, you will also abide in union with the Son and in union with the Father. (1 John 2:24)
- Furthermore, this is the promised thing that he himself promised us, the life everlasting. (1 John 2:25)
- These things I write you about those who are trying to mislead you. (1 John 2:26)
- For this reason Christians were not to receive **apostate teachers** into their homes or even to say a greeting to them.
- Everyone that pushes ahead and does not remain in the teaching of the Christ does not have God. He that does remain in this teaching is the one that has both the Father and the Son. (2 John 1:9)
- If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, never receive him into your homes or say a greeting to him. (2 John 1:10)
- For he that says a greeting to him is a sharer in his wicked works. (2 John 1:11)

•• Making And Teaching Disciples

- After his resurrection Jesus Christ commissioned his followers to make disciples, baptizing them and **teaching** them all the things he had commanded.
- Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)
- **Teaching** them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And, look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things. (Matthew 28:20)

- This extensive **teaching** work had its beginning on the day of Pentecost in **33 C.E.**, when about 3,000 Jews and proselytes accepted Jesus as the promised Messiah and were baptized.
- The teaching of these new disciples did not end with the apostle Peter's discourse that led to their becoming followers of Christ Jesus. There was much more for them to learn.
- For this reason those who had come to Jerusalem from distant places to be present for the Festival of Pentecost extended their stay in order to be able to devote themselves to the apostles **teaching**.
- Day after day they would assemble in the temple area, evidently to listen to the apostles. Other Jews and proselytes also got to hear the Good News there, and the number of believing men eventually increased to about 5,000.
- But Peter stood up with the eleven and raised his voice and made this utterance to them; Men of Judea and all you inhabitants of Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give ear to my sayings. (**Acts of Apostles 2:14**)
- However, many of those who had listened to the speech believed, and the number of the men became about five thousand. (**Acts of Apostles 4:4**)
- Besides **teaching** publicly at the temple, the apostles also declared the Good News about Jesus Christ from house to house.
- And every day in the temple and from house to house they continued without letup **teaching** and declaring the Good News about the Christ, Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 5:42**)

See Also PREACHER, PREACHING (From House to House)

- Later, the scattering of the believers through persecution and the beginning of the preaching among the non-Jews extended the disciple-making work to distant places.
- However, those who had been scattered went through the land declaring the Good News of the word. (**Acts of Apostles 8:4**)
- Philip, for one, went down to the city of Samaria and began to preach the Christ to them. (**Acts of Apostles 8:5**)

- **With one accord the crowds were paying attention to the things said by Philip while they listened and looked at the signs he was performing. (Acts of Apostles 8:6)**
- **For there were many that had unclean spirits, and these would cry out with a loud voice and come out. Moreover, many that were paralyzed and lame were cured. (Acts of Apostles 8:7)**
- **So there came to be a great deal of joy in that city. (Acts of Apostles 8:8)**
- **Now in the city there was a certain man named Simon, who, prior to this, had been practicing magical arts and amazing the nation of Samaria, saying he himself was somebody great. (Acts of Apostles 8:9)**
- **And all of them, from the least to the greatest, would pay attention to him and say; This man is the Power of God, which can be called Great. (Acts of Apostles 8:10)**
- **So they would pay attention to him because of his having amazed them for quite a while by his magical arts. (Acts of Apostles 8:11)**
- **But when they believed Philip, who was declaring the Good News of the kingdom of God and of the name of Jesus Christ, they proceeded to be baptized, both men and women. (Acts of Apostles 8:12)**
- **Now the apostles and the brothers that were in Judea heard that people of the nations had also received the word of God. (Acts of Apostles 11:1)**
- **So when Peter came up to Jerusalem, the supporters of circumcision began to contend with him. (Acts of Apostles 11:2)**
- **Saying he had gone into the house of men that were not circumcised and had eaten with them. (Acts of Apostles 11:3)**
- **At this Peter commenced and went on to explain the particulars to them, saying; (Acts of Apostles 11:4)**
- **I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, some sort of vessel descending like a great linen sheet being let**

down by its four extremities from heaven, and it came clear to me. ([Acts of Apostles 11:5](#))

- Gazing into it, I made observations and saw four-footed creatures of the earth and wild beasts and creeping things and birds of heaven. ([Acts of Apostles 11:6](#))
- I also heard a voice say to me. Rise, Peter, slaughter and eat! ([Acts of Apostles 11:7](#))
- But I said; Not at all, Lord, because a defiled or unclean thing has never entered into my mouth. ([Acts of Apostles 11:8](#))
- The second time the voice from heaven answered, You stop calling defiled the things God has cleansed. ([Acts of Apostles 11:9](#))
- This occurred for a third time, and everything was pulled up again into heaven. ([Acts of Apostles 11:10](#))
- Also, look! At that instant there were three men standing at the house in which we were, they having been dispatched from Caesarea to me. ([Acts of Apostles 11:11](#))
- So the spirit told me to go with them, not doubting at all. But these six brothers also went with me, and we entered into the house of the man. ([Acts of Apostles 11:12](#))
- He reported to us how he saw the angel stand in his house and say; Dispatch men to Joppa and send for Simon who is surnamed Peter. ([Acts of Apostles 11:13](#))
- And he will speak those things to you by which you and all your household may get saved. ([Acts of Apostles 11:14](#))
- But when I started to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it did also upon us in the beginning. ([Acts of Apostles 11:15](#))
- At this I called to mind the saying of the Lord, how he used to say; John, for his part, baptized with water, but you will be baptized in Holy Spirit. ([Acts of Apostles 11:16](#))
- If, therefore, God gave the same free gift to them as he also did to us who have believed upon the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I

- that I should be able to hinder God? (**Acts of Apostles 11:17**)
- Now when they heard these things, they acquiesced, and they glorified God, saying; Well, then, God has granted repentance for the purpose of life to people of the nations also. (**Acts of Apostles 11:18**)
 - Consequently those who had been scattered by the tribulation that arose over Stephen went through as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, but speaking the word to no one except to Jews only. (**Acts of Apostles 11:19**)
 - However, out of them there were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene that came to Antioch and began talking to the Greek-speaking people, declaring the Good News of the Lord Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 11:20**)
 - Furthermore, the hand of Yehowah was with them, and a great number that became believers turned to the Lord. (**Acts of Apostles 11:21**)
 - The account about them got to the ears of the congregation that was in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas as far as Antioch. (**Acts of Apostles 11:22**)
 - When he arrived and saw the undeserved kindness of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all to continue in the Lord with hearty purpose. (**Acts of Apostles 11:23**)
 - For he was a good man and full of Holy Spirit and of faith. And a considerable crowd was added to the Lord. (**Acts of Apostles 11:24**)
 - So he went off to Tarsus to make a thorough search for Saul (**Acts of Apostles 11:25**)
 - And, after he found him, he brought him to Antioch. It thus came about that for a whole year they gathered together with them in the congregation and taught quite a crowd, and it was first in Antioch that the disciples were by divine providence called Christians. (**Acts of Apostles 11:26**)

- **As in Jerusalem, however, often public preaching and teaching was employed to locate interested ones, after which those who became disciples continued to be taught.**
- **In Ephesus, for example, the apostle Paul taught publicly in the synagogue. After opposition arose, he separated the disciples from the unbelieving Jews, delivering discourses to them in the school auditorium of Tyrannus.**
- **Entering into the synagogue, he spoke with boldness for three months, giving talks and using persuasion concerning the kingdom of God. (Acts of Apostles 19:8)**
- **But when some went on hardening themselves and not believing, speaking injuriously about The Way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and separated the disciples from them, daily giving talks in the school auditorium of Tyrannus. (Acts of Apostles 19:9)**
- **This took place for two years, so that all those inhabiting the district of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. (Acts of Apostles 19:10)**
- **Paul also **taught** disciples in their homes and he searched out other interested persons by teaching from house to house. As he reminded the older men of the Ephesus congregation.**
- **While I did not hold back from telling you any of the things that were profitable nor from **teaching** you publicly and from house to house. (Acts of Apostles 20:20)**
- **But I thoroughly bore witness both to Jews and to Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 20:21)**
- **But after they kept on opposing and speaking abusively, he shook out his garments and said to them; Let your blood be upon your own heads. I am clean. From now on I will go to people of the nations. (Acts of Apostles 18:6)**
- **Accordingly he transferred from there and went into the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was adjoining the synagogue. (Acts of Apostles 18:7)**

- Regarding Paul's activity in Corinth;

See Also DISCIPLE

·Teachers in the Christian Congregation

- Through the activity of the apostle Paul and others, Christian congregations were established in many places, and these continued to enjoy increases.
- Qualified teachers were needed to assist all associated with these congregations to attain to the oneness in the faith and in the accurate knowledge of the Son of God, to a full-grown man, to the measure of stature that belongs to the fullness of the Christ.
- And he gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelizers, some as shepherds and teachers. (**Ephesians 4:11**)
- With a view to the readjustment of the holy ones, for ministerial work, for the building up of the body of the Christ. (**Ephesians 4:12**)
- Until we all attain to the oneness in the faith and in the accurate knowledge of the Son of God, to a full-grown man, to the measure of stature that belongs to the fullness of the Christ. (**Ephesians 4:13**)
- This placed a weighty responsibility on those serving as **teachers**, one that had a direct bearing upon the lives of fellow Christians. The position of teachers was of such importance that it is listed third, right after apostles and prophets, in the placement of members in the congregation.
- And God has set the respective ones in the congregation, first, apostles, second, prophets, third, **teachers**, then powerful works, then gifts of healings, helpful services, abilities to direct, different tongues. (**1 Corinthians 12:28**)
- It was not a position filled by Christians generally.
- Not all are apostles, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? Not all are **teachers**, are they? Not all perform powerful works, do they? (**1 Corinthians 12:29**)

- **And it was never filled by women. Wrote the apostle Paul,**
- **I do not permit a woman to **teach**, or to exercise authority over a man, but to be in silence. (1 Timothy 2:12)**
- **Overseers, or older men, appointed to their positions by Holy Spirit served in this capacity.**
- **However, from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the older men of the congregation. (Acts of Apostles 20:17)**
- **And now, look! I know that all of you among whom I went preaching the kingdom will see my face no more. (Acts of Apostles 20:25)**
- **Hence I call you to witness this very day that I am clean from the blood of all men. (Acts of Apostles 20:26)**
- **For I have not held back from telling you all the counsel of God. (Acts of Apostles 20:27)**
- **Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, to shepherd the congregation of God, which he purchased with the blood of his own Son. (Acts of Apostles 20:28)**
- **I know that after my going away oppressive wolves will enter in among you and will not treat the flock with tenderness. (Acts of Apostles 20:29)**
- **And from among you yourselves men will rise and speak twisted things to draw away the disciples after themselves. (Acts of Apostles 20:30)**
- **That statement is faithful. If any man is reaching out for an office of overseer, he is desirous of a fine work. (1 Timothy 3:1)**
- **The overseer should therefore be irreprehensible, a husband of one wife, moderate in habits, sound in mind, orderly, hospitable, qualified to teach. (1 Timothy 3:2)**
- **Let the older men who preside in a fine way be reckoned worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard in speaking and teaching. (1 Timothy 5:17)**

- **These older men had to be examples worthy of imitation and accurate in their teaching, always adhering to the inspired Word of God. As qualified **teachers**, they served as a bulwark against the falling away from true belief, being ever alert to correct those who had fallen victim to wrong **teaching** and taking action against those promoting sects.**

- **By giving these advices to the brothers you will be a fine minister of Christ Jesus, one nourished with the words of the faith and of the fine **teaching** which you have followed closely. (1 Timothy 4:6)**

- **But turn down the false stories which violate what is holy and which old women tell. On the other hand, be training yourself with godly devotion as your aim. (1 Timothy 4:7)**

- **Pay constant attention to yourself and to your **teaching**. Stay by these things, for by doing this you will save both yourself and those who listen to you. (1 Timothy 4:16)**

- **Moreover, let those having believing owners not look down on them, because they are brothers. On the contrary, let them the more readily be slaves, because those receiving the benefit of their good service are believers and beloved. Keep on teaching these things and giving these exhortations. (1 Timothy 6:2)**

- **If any man **teaches** other doctrine and does not assent to healthful words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, nor to the teaching that accords with godly devotion. (1 Timothy 6:3)**

- **He is puffed up with pride, not understanding anything, but being mentally diseased over questionings and debates about words. From these things spring envy, strife, abusive speeches, wicked suspicions. (1 Timothy 6:4)**

- **Violent disputes about trifles on the part of men corrupted in mind and despoiled of the truth, thinking that godly devotion is a means of gain. (1 Timothy 6:5)**

- **To be sure, it is a means of great gain, this godly devotion along with self-sufficiency. (1 Timothy 6:6)**

- **And the things you heard from me with the support of many**

- witnesses, these things commit to faithful men, who, in turn, will be adequately qualified to **teach** others. (2 Timothy 2:2)
- **Keep reminding them of these things, charging them before God as witness, not to fight about words, a thing of no usefulness at all because it overturns those listening. (2 Timothy 2:14)**
 - **Do your utmost to present yourself approved to God, a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of the truth aright. (2 Timothy 2:15)**
 - **But shun empty speeches that violate what is holy, for they will advance to more and more ungodliness. (2 Timothy 2:16)**
 - **And their word will spread like gangrene. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of that number. (2 Timothy 2:17)**
 - **These very men have deviated from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already occurred, and they are subverting the faith of some. (2 Timothy 2:18)**
 - **For all that, the solid foundation of God stays standing, having this seal; Yehowah knows those who belong to him, and; Let everyone naming the name of Yehowah renounce unrighteousness. (2 Timothy 2:19)**
 - **Now in a large house there are vessels not only of gold and silver but also of wood and earthenware, and some for an honorable purpose but others for a purpose lacking honor. (2 Timothy 2:20)**
 - **If, therefore, anyone keeps clear of the latter ones, he will be a vessel for an honorable purpose, sanctified, useful to his owner, prepared for every good work. (2 Timothy 2:21)**
 - **So, flee from the desires incidental to youth, but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace, along with those who call upon the Lord out of a clean heart. (2 Timothy 2:22)**
 - **Further, turn down foolish and ignorant questionings, knowing they produce fights. (2 Timothy 2:23)**
 - **But a slave of the Lord does not need to fight, but needs to be gentle toward all, qualified to teach, keeping himself restrained under evil. (2 Timothy 2:24)**

- **Instructing with mildness those not favorably disposed, as perhaps God may give them repentance leading to an accurate knowledge of truth. (2 Timothy 2:25)**
- **And they may come back to their proper senses out from the snare of the Devil, seeing that they have been caught alive by him for the will of that one. (2 Timothy 2:26)**
- **You, however, continue in the things that you learned and were persuaded to believe, knowing from what persons you learned them. (2 Timothy 3:14)**
- **And that from infancy you have known the holy writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through the faith in connection with Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15)**
- **All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)**
- **That the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:17)**
- **For there are many unruly men, profitless talkers, and deceivers of the mind, especially those men who adhere to the circumcision. (Titus 1:10)**
- **It is necessary to shut the mouths of these, as these very men keep on subverting entire households by teaching things they ought not for the sake of dishonest gain. (Titus 1:11)**
- **You, however, keep on speaking what things are fitting for healthful teaching. (Titus 2:1)**
- **Likewise keep on exhorting the younger men to be sound in mind. (Titus 2:6)**
- **In all things showing yourself an example of fine works, showing uncorruptness in your teaching, seriousness. (Titus 2:7)**
- **But shun foolish questionings and genealogies and strife and fights over the Law, for they are unprofitable and futile. (Titus 3:9)**

- As for a man that promotes a sect, reject him after a first and a second admonition. (**Titus 3:10**)
- Knowing that such a man has been turned out of the way and is sinning, he being self-condemned. (**Titus 3:11**)
- Nevertheless, I have a few things against you, that you have there those holding fast the **teaching** of Balaam, who went teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication. (**Revelation 2:14**)
- So you, also, have those holding fast the **teaching** of the sect of Nicolaus likewise. (**Revelation 2:15**)
- Nevertheless, I do hold this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she **teaches** and **misleads** my slaves to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols. (**Revelation 2:20**)
- And I gave her time to repent, but she is not willing to repent of her fornication. (**Revelation 2:21**)
- Look! I am about to throw her into a sickbed, and those committing adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. (**Revelation 2:22**)
- And her children I will kill with deadly plague, so that all the congregations will know that I am he who searches the kidneys and hearts, and I will give to you individually according to your deeds. (**Revelation 2:23**)
- However, I say to the rest of you who are in Thyatira, all those who do not have this teaching, the very ones who did not get to know the deep things of Satan, as they say; I am not putting upon you any other burden. (**Revelation 2:24**)
- The older men, **Greek, pre-sby'te-roi**, who worked hard in **teaching** fellow Christians were deserving of respect, consideration.
- Be obedient to those who are taking the lead among you and be submissive, for they are keeping watch over your souls as those who will render an account, that they may do this with joy and

not with sighing, for this would be damaging to you. (**Hebrews 13:17**)

- **And even voluntary material assistance. This is what the apostle Paul meant when he wrote.**
- **Moreover, let anyone who is being orally **taught** the word share in all good things with the one who gives such oral **teaching**. (**Galatians 6:6**) Footnote**
- **Let the older men who preside in a fine way be reckoned worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard in speaking and teaching. For the scripture says:**
- **Let the older men who preside in a fine way be reckoned worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard in speaking and teaching. (**1 Timothy 5:17**)**
- **For the scripture says: You must not muzzle a bull when it threshes out the grain. Also: The workman is worthy of his wages. (**1 Timothy 5:18**)**
- **Men who unselfishly sought to be overseers, qualified to **teach** others in the congregation, were desirous of a fine work.**
- **That statement is faithful. If any man is reaching out for an office of overseer, he is desirous of a fine work. (**1 Timothy 3:1**)**
- **Obviously, therefore, it was not to discourage such men from becoming qualified to teach that the disciple James wrote;**
- **Not many of you should become **teachers**, my brothers, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment. (**James 3:1**)**
- **Rather, these words emphasized the heavy responsibility that as a result comes upon **teachers** in the congregation. Evidently some had set themselves up as **teachers**, although not being appointed or qualifying as such.**
- **The persons whom James had in mind were probably much like those of whom Paul wrote to Timothy.**
- **By deviating from these things certain ones have been turned aside into idle talk. (**1 Timothy 1:6**)**

- Wanting to be **teachers** of Law, but not perceiving either the things they are saying or the things about which they are making strong assertions. (**1 Timothy 1:7**)
- Evidently such men desired the prominence that came with being a teacher of fellow believers. But James placed matters in the right perspective by showing that more would be required of teachers in the congregation. They would have to render a more serious account than Christians generally.
- So, then, each of us will render an account for himself to God. (**Romans 14:12**)
- Yet like others, they too would stumble in word.
- For we all stumble many times. If anyone does not stumble in word, this one is a perfect man, able to bridle also his whole body. (**James 3:2**)

•• **How All Christians Should Be Teachers**

- While relatively few served as **teachers** in the congregation itself, the desirable goal for all Christians was to have the ability to teach their beliefs to others, at least privately. This point was made clear to Hebrew Christians:
- For, indeed, although you ought to be teachers in view of the time, you again need someone to **teach** you from the beginning the elementary things of the sacred pronouncements of God, and you have become such as need milk, not solid food. (**Hebrews 5:12**)
- The **teaching** on baptisms and the laying on of the hands, the resurrection of the dead and everlasting judgment. (**Hebrews 6:2**)
- Thus the inspired writer is here evidently speaking of **teaching** in a general sense, rather than in an appointed capacity. Somewhat similar, therefore, is his reference to the Jew who, on the basis of his knowledge, becomes a corrector of the unreasonable ones, a **teacher** of babes.
- If, now, you are a Jew in name and are resting upon Law and

- taking pride in God. (**Romans 2:17**)
- And you know his will and approve of things that are excellent because you are orally instructed out of the Law. (**Romans 2:18**)
 - And you are persuaded that you are a guide of the blind, a light for those in darkness. (**Romans 2:19**)
 - A corrector of the unreasonable ones, a **teacher** of babes, and having the framework of the knowledge and of the truth in the Law. (**Romans 2:20**)
 - Paul shows, however, that in such **teaching** also one's life course must harmonize with what is taught if the **teaching** is to bring honor to God.
 - Do you, however, the one **teaching** someone else, not teach yourself? You, the one preaching; Do not steal! Do you steal? (**Romans 2:21**)
 - You, the one saying; Do not commit adultery! Do you commit adultery? You, the one expressing abhorrence of the idols. Do you rob temples? (**Romans 2:22**)
 - You, who take pride in Law. Do you by your transgressing of the Law dishonor God? (**Romans 2:23**)
 - For the name of God is being blasphemed on account of you people among the nations, just as it is written. (**Romans 2:24**)
 - Christians could also learn from one another. Younger women, for instance, could be **taught** by aged women about such matters as loving their husbands, loving their children, being sound in mind, chaste, workers at home, good, subjecting themselves to their own husbands, so that the word of God may not be spoken of abusively. Such teaching in private was effective when backed up by a good example.
 - Likewise let the aged women be reverent in behavior, not slanderous, neither enslaved to a lot of wine, **teachers** of what is good. (**Titus 2:3**)
 - That they may recall the young women to their senses to love their husbands, to love their children. (**Titus 2:4**)

- **To be sound in mind, chaste, workers at home, good, subjecting themselves to their own husbands, so that the word of God may not be spoken of abusively. (Titus 2:5)**
- **For I recollect the faith which is in you without any hypocrisy, and which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, but which I am confident is also in you. (2 Timothy 1:5)**
- **You, however, continue in the things that you learned and were persuaded to believe, knowing from what persons you learned them. (2 Timothy 3:14)**
- **And that from infancy you have known the holy writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through the faith in connection with Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15)**