

TEACHING GOD'S WORD

Teacher's Copy



The answers to fill the blanks spaces in the notes are written in italics.

A. Commission to Teach

1. Difference between teaching & preaching

Teaching and preaching have many similarities, and are often linked together, and yet there are differences too.

Teach - 'didasko' is the most common word used in the New Testament meaning:- *to give instruction*

Preach - there are two main words used in the New Testament:-

a.) 'euaggelidzo' which means:- *to tell or share the gospel. This word is also used for 'evangelist'.*

b.) 'kerugma' which means:- *to proclaim, cry out, announce or to be a herald.*

Preaching is proclaiming God's message to His people, requiring a response. E.g. Matthew 4:17

2. Greatest example of teaching & preaching

Who do you think is the greatest teacher and preacher? *Jesus Christ*

a.) Jesus preaching

Both Greek words used for 'preach' are used for Jesus' preaching. See Matthew 4:17 and 4:23.

Why did Jesus say He had come according to Mark 1:38? - *He had come to preach.*

How was Jesus enabled to preach so powerfully? Luke 4:18 - *The anointing of the Spirit was on Him.*

b.) Jesus teaching

Jesus was known as 'the Teacher'. People were amazed at His teaching. See Matthew 7:28-29.

Jesus constantly did both. He taught and he preached. We see this in Matthew 4:23, 9:35, 11:1.

3. Apostles were commissioned to teach & preach

a.) Disciples were sent out by Jesus

What did Jesus tell them to do in Matthew 10:7? - *Preach*

What was their message? - *"The Kingdom of Heaven is near."*

b.) After Jesus returned to Heaven

What did they do according to Acts 5:42? - *They never stopped teaching and proclaiming the Good News that Jesus is the Christ.*

c.) Apostle Paul also commissioned

What was Paul commissioned to do?

1 Timothy 2:7	2 Timothy 1:11
<i>To be a herald</i>	<i>To be a herald</i>
<i>To be an apostle</i>	<i>To be an apostle</i>
<i>To be a teacher</i>	<i>To be a teacher</i>

4. We are commissioned to teach & preach

a.) The Great Commission

What did Jesus command His disciples to do in Mark 16:15? - *To preach the Good News.*

What else does He tell them to do in Matthew 28:20? - *To teach those who believed the Good News.*

b.) The gift of teaching

Notice that some are given specific gifts of teaching. See Ephesians 4:11.

What is their task according to Ephesians 4:12-13? - *To prepare God's people for works of service, so they would reach maturity.*

c.) Requirement for leadership

Not all leaders may have the gift of teaching, however Paul indicates that one of the requirements of being a leader or an overseer is that he be able to teach. See 1 Timothy 3:2, 2 Timothy 2:24

B. LIFE OF THE TEACHER

1. Our life is the message

We must live our message! Our whole life, the way we act, what we say and how we live communicates a message. Do our actions match our message?

The Apostle Paul said that we are a *letter* from Christ, known and read by *everyone*. 2 Corinthians 3:2



Our life should consistently demonstrate the message we share, or as the saying goes, 'we must practice what we preach'. Just as the clarity of a musical instrument depends on its' quality, so the effectiveness of our teaching depends on how we live our lives.

2. **The teacher must be teachable**

If we are going to teach God's Word then we must be able to *hear God speak to us*.

This means we must learn to *listen!* Before we teach any truth, passage or verse, we need to hear God speak to us first.

We need a *submissive or teachable* heart. James 3:17

3. **The teacher must develop his skills**

Already we have seen that Jesus was anointed to teach by the Spirit of the Lord. In the same way, without the anointing of the Holy Spirit we cannot teach effectively. This does not mean we do not need to study and prepare. Remember that Jesus spent many years studying the Torah as a boy and no doubt had memorized many parts of the scriptures.

Write out 2 Timothy 2:15 here.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

C. **PREPARATION FOR TEACHING**

1. **Preparing the teaching**

Whether preparing for a message or taking a teaching session, preparation is the same. We need to:

- a.) *Pray*
- b.) *Study*
- c.) *Plan*
- d.) *Practice*

2. **Planning the teaching**

- a.) We must have an aim

Before beginning your preparation, prayerfully think about your aim. What is the main truth you are wanting to teach, and how do you want the listeners to apply it to their daily lives?

- b.) We must have a plan

Your teaching plan should include:- *Introduction, Body, Conclusion.*

In a way it is like a house plan. The front door is like the introduction and the back door like the conclusion. The inside of the house is like the body of your teaching. The body is divided into sections, just like a house is divided into rooms.

c.) We need to include illustrations

Just as a house has windows to let the light in, so illustrations help others see what you are trying to teach more clearly. Jesus used illustrations all the time.

Write down some of the possible ways you can illustrate a teaching:

Stories – true stories, Bible stories or even made up, personal experiences, comparisons, quotes, questions, visual aids like objects or pictures, drama, and many more.



3. Purpose of teaching

What are the most important reasons for teaching God's Word? Tick those you agree with.

- To entertain others so they will listen
- To inform them of what the Bible teaches
- To persuade them to believe as you do
- To teach them truths that will change their lives
- To give them understanding of God's Word so they will know Him

When we teach God's Word we are to draw men to *Christ* and not to *ourselves*.

The character of the speaker is more important than the *charisma* or *style* of the speaker.

Conclusion

It is a privilege to teach God's Word, whether it is to just one person, a small group, or a crowd. You don't have to follow someone else's style, just be yourself! However always remember that you are teaching on behalf of Jesus. As you study the Word of God yourself, ask the Holy Spirit to show you His thoughts, and how He wants you to present the truth. When you teach ask Him to anoint you, so that the Lord works through you to feed God's people and impact their lives. He is the only One who can do that! The amazing thing is – He can use us! "It's not by might or by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord."