

## The Church

# Teaching and Training

Today we will take a look at one of the church's primary functions, that of training the believer up in the faith.

- I. Teaching in the Old Testament
  - A. God charged Israel to teach their children - Deuteronomy 6:7-9
  - B. God charged the priesthood in teaching - example: Deuteronomy 24:8
  - C. Great men, such as Ezra, taught - Ezra 7:10
  - D. Teaching and its results are commended - Proverbs 9:9
  - E. God Himself is seen as a teacher throughout the Psalms - Psalms 25:4-5, 119:12
- II. Teaching in the New Testament
  - A. Christ "taught" in over 20 different verses - example: Matthew 4:23, 5:2, 7:29, 9:35, 13:54, 21:23
  - B. Part of the Great Commission is teaching/training - Matthew 28:19-20
    1. The Great Commission is three-fold: Evangelism, Baptism, and Discipleship.
    2. To fulfill Christ's command ALL THREE must be done.
  - C. Teaching is exalted in the Church at Antioch - Acts 11:25-26, Acts 13:1
  - D. Paul identifies Himself as a teacher - I Timothy 2:7, II Timothy 1:11
  - E. Christian leaders are required to be teachers - I Timothy 3:2, II Timothy 2:24
- III. Biblical Teaching
  - A. The Biblical model of a wise, or educated, person is one who knows and practices their knowledge - Psalm 1
    1. Christ amplifies this in Luke 6:46-47
    2. This is the burden of the teacher: responsibility - James 3:1
  - B. Biblical Teaching is rooted in Biblical truth - Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7, 9:10
  - C. Paul describes the motive of the teacher - 1 Timothy 1:5
    1. charity - "love in action"
    2. pure heart - holy, not mixed with personal ambitions or evil
    3. good conscience - free of guilt
    4. faith unfeigned - no hypocrisy, true
- IV. The Church's Role in Teaching
  - A. EVERYTHING the church does ought to be usable in pointing people to Christ or Biblical truth, thus teaching by example
  - B. Preaching should contain teaching
    1. Not simply facts, but practical instruction
  - C. Today, the Sunday School is one of our primary teaching tools.
  - D. Christians:
    1. Ought to practice what they preach - James 1:22
    2. Ought to be ready to teach - I Peter 3:15
    3. Ought to pass on their knowledge - II Timothy 2:2