

**TEACH
ONE ANOTHER
Reciprocal Living
Sunday School, January 31, 2021**

INTRODUCTION:

1. What are we to teach?
2 Tim. 3:16-17

2. What is the basis for our ministry?

It is: Scripture, the written Word of God (which reveals the Living Word of God)

a. Given by inspiration: Breathed out by God

b. Profitable for:

(1.) Teaching doctrine – Understanding the comprehensive and complete body of divine truth necessary for life and godliness

(2.) Reproof – rebuke for wrong behavior or belief; exposure of sin that can be confessed with repentance

(3.) Correction – restoration of Godly living

(4.) Instruction (training) in righteousness – Positive training (as in training a child) in godly behavior (not just rebuke and correction)

c. Verse 17 describes the purpose: That we be completely competent and capable of doing what God has called us to do and equipped for every good work, being enabled to meet the demands of godly ministry and righteous living

3. How can we help our brothers and sisters in Christ become more like Christ?

COMMAND: Colossians 3:16

DEFINITION: Teaching one another is instructing, explaining, or exposing Biblical truth to fellow believers in such a way that they may understand the truth and are enabled and encouraged to apply it in their own lives.

NOTE: Teaching requires 1. Understanding the Word of God and 2. Wisdom in communicating it, enabling others to apply it to their own lives.

COMMENT

- 1. All believers are to share and teach others what they have learned from scriptures.**
- 2. Some believers will excel in their ability to teach others because they have the gift of teaching by the Holy Spirit. Those who have this gift may have a larger role in the church in their teaching ministry.**
- 3. Even if we do not have the gift of teaching, we still have the obligation to teach one another.**
- 4. The Holy Spirit will give us the understanding and insight into the Word of God and enable us to teach each other what He wants us to know.**

BIBLICAL EXAMPLE:

- Apollos taught by Priscilla and Aquilla – Acts 18:24-26**
- Lord Jesus Christ taught Nicodemus – John 3:1-21**

PRINCIPLES:

- 1. In order to teach others, we must consistently and constantly be increasing our own knowledge of the Word of God.**
- 2. All believers are privileged and obligated to teach others the Word of God. Even though some are gifted in teaching, all believers are to share what they have learned from the Word of God with others.**
- 3. Because Christian character and conduct are based on the Word of God, teaching is a primary ministry (or means) of building up one another. Exhortation and admonition are done according to the Scriptures. We must know God's Word to teach, as well as exhort and admonish!**
- 4. Teaching may take place in Sunday School, Bible Studies, Bible Classes, Worship Services and other structured settings; or in personal, one to one, and situational settings.**

IMPORTANCE:

Teaching one another is essential in helping believers to establish a firm foundation and knowledge and understanding of God's Word which will lead them to develop Christ-like patterns of living. As believers learn truths from Scripture and share what they have learned with others, they increasingly conform their lives in character and conduct to the image of Christ (Col 1:28) Also, they become more enabled "unto all good works."

2 Tim. 3:17