

## TEACHING

TEXT: Prov. 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. We have been studying worship.
- B. Thus far we have studied prayer and giving.
- C. We now want to study teaching.
- D. There are over 1,000 passages exhorting us to teach in the Bible. Only 22 on the Lord's Supper and c.a. 120 on baptism. This should show us that teaching is an important subject.
- E. Teaching is the solemn responsibility of the church.
  - 1. The truth does not depend on the church for its truthfulness. (It will remain true regardless).
  - 2. The truth depends on the church for its proclamation.
    - a. 1 Tim. 3:15 But if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
    - b. Eph. 3:9-11 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,
- F. Today we want to notice 2 Tim. 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
  - 1. This is the commission given to every local church.
  - 2. Four great principals can be derived from this one passage.
  - 3. Each principle shows the importance of our work.

### BODY:

#### I. THE NECESSITY:

- A. The absolute necessity of continuing the process is set forth in this passage.

B. If the church is to grow or even survive we must teach!

C. Four generations of teaching are specified in this verse.

1. Things which you.
2. Have heard from me.
3. Commit to faithful men.
4. Who will be able to teach others.

D. Jesus taught this same thing in the great commission- Matt. 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

E. Teaching is the Lord's plan for continuing his work.

F. There is no plan B. Story of the angel who asked what if man failed to teach others.

G. The church can die in a given place.

1. The church is everlasting.
2. But, it can die in a given community, state or nation.

a. Rev. 3:1 And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ` These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

b. Rev. 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.

c. Judges 2:10 "When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel."

H. If we don't teach the Gospel we will cease to be the Lord's church.

## II. THE CONTENT:

A. That which is to be passed on is a certain thing.

B. Note the emphasis of the passage, "the things you have heard. . . commit these.."

C. Why is the same thing to be taught?

D. Because this was the message Paul had received from God.

1. 1 Cor. 15:3-4 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

2. Gal. 1:11-12 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

3. 1 Cor. 2:9-13 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

E. This was not a message that Paul was clever enough to think up, but a Message From God, made known by God to man.

F. We forget that the power to save is not in man's eloquence or ability- 1 Cor. 2:1-5 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

G. The power of God is the Gospel- Rom. 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

H. Therefore, the most important thing in teaching is to be sure we Faithfully reproduce the message of the Bible.

### III. THE MEANS:

A. Those who have received the Gospel are to pass it to others.

- B. "Things which you have heard commit to others."
- C. We are not to be reservoirs of the Gospel (holding back).
- D. We are to be pipe lines through which the Gospel is passed on to others.
- E. The ones most aware of what it means to be lost are the ones who tend to get the message out.
- F. It's hard to keep good news (Gospel) to yourself.

1. Paul- Rom. 1:14-15 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

2. Peter- Acts 4:19-20 But Peter and John answered and said to them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

G. When you think about it there is no better way. Word of mouth is the best advertisement.

#### IV. THE QUALIFICATIONS:

A. "Faithful" men must be used.

- 1. Greek word used here is ANTHROPOS.
- 2. Which is mankind not male or female.
- 3. Women also are told to teach- Titus. 2:3-5 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

B. A "faithful" person is a believing, loyal, reliable and dependable person.

- 1. What good would it do to entrust a non-believer.
- 2. Or one who is not loyal to God and God only.
- 3. What good would it do to entrust someone who is not reliable or dependable? They may or may not show up.

C. If one is going to teach others he must prepare himself first. Ezra 7:10 "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel."

D. You cannot send the once-a-week attendee to the non-attendee and expect him to win him to faithful attendance.

E. You cannot send the social drinker to the alcoholic and expect him to win him to sobriety.

F. You cannot send the half-committed Christian to the uncommitted Christian.

#### CONCLUSION:

A. This is only the first in our lessons on teaching.

B. It serves to show the importance of teaching.

C. Obey what has been taught you and teach others- Matt. 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.