

iTeach

Introduction: With age comes responsibility. The Hebrew write is clear about this point in regard to spiritual responsibility when he stated, “*by this time you ought to be teachers...*” (Heb. 5:12) Does this mean everyone should be a teacher? (Jas. 3:1) Teaching is more than a once per week responsibility (cf. Deut. 11:16-21).

I. RESPONSIBLE

- A. Devoted - Committed first to the Lord then to your brethren. (1 Cor. 8:5)
- B. Diligent - In Bible study (2 Tim. 2:15), class preparation, in following through and following up.
- C. Develop Self - In personal study and application. “What I am teaching applies to me first and foremost.”
- D. Desirous - Zealous; enthusiastic. From where does that desire come? (1 Peter 3:15) Romans 10:1-3. Israel’s problem was zeal without knowledge. Sometimes for us it can be the reverse.

II. EFFECTUAL

- A. The best method for being an effectual teacher is *lifestyle teaching*, involving yourself in the lives of your students. (Prov. 4:11)
- B. No form of teaching can replace exemplary teaching. (1 Tim. 4:12)
- C. Jesus, the Master Teacher, identifies the mark of an effectual teacher. (John 13:34)
- D. Effectual teachers examine themselves & their teaching. (1 Tim. 4:16)

III. PERPETUAL

- A. It’s more than teaching to get by for the week, it’s teaching with a purpose, a goal. Jesus has specific goals:
 - 1. To bring about fulfillment & glorification of God’s will (Heb. 10:9)
 - 2. To seek and save the lost. (Luke 19:10)
 - 3. To make soul seekers. (Matt. 4:19)
- B. Train people to teach people... to teach people... (2 Tim. 2:2)
- C. What if we lose sight of the effects of perpetual teaching? Is it acceptable to lose any souls to the world?
- D. The idea of perpetual teaching is *INVESTMENT*.

Conclusion: Christ’s church needs each of us to be a responsible, effectual, and perpetual teachers so that his disciples, however young or old will grown in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and that they, in turn, will teach others to be faithful and developed followers of Christ.