



How to Teach a Simple Bible Lesson



❖ **Matthew 28:19-20** – “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

❖ **Proverbs 22:6** – “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

❖ **II Timothy 2:2** – “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”



❖ **Deuteronomy 6:6-9** – “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.”



What is Bible Teaching?

Nehemiah 8:8 – “So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.”

Teaching the Bible is simply explaining what God’s Word says.



I Corinthians 1:12 – “For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.”



Tonight we will look at how to teach the Bible “with simplicity and godly sincerity”.



1. How can we be Bible teachers with godly sincerity?



We must be sincere in our study:

- ❖ A Bible teacher's lesson should come from the overflow of their study. We can't draw from an empty well.
- ❖ If we are going to say, "thus saith the Lord" we better know what The Lord says.
- ❖ "Do not let the pulpit drive you to the Word; let the Word drive you to the pulpit." Timothy Keller
- ❖ If you are not in the Word of God yourself then you are not ready to teach it.
 - ❖ "Great preachers listen to great preachers." Daniel AkinListen to other teachers of the Bible. Never forget that a good Bible teacher is always a Bible student!



Our Bible teaching comes from our Bible study!



We must live godly lives:

- ❖ Our life impacts our teaching. We need not just a Christ-centered approach to our teaching; We need a Christ centered heart.
- ❖ A great Bible teacher has a love for the Word of Christ, and the Christ of the Word. We commend what we love.
- ❖ We must Pray! As Bible teachers we should be in a spirit of prayer. When we are not praying one of three things will creep into our heart: self-sufficiency, self satisfaction, or self righteousness. Self satisfied, self-sufficient, or self-righteous teachers don't pray.



2. How can we keep our Bible teaching simple?



Teach ONE BIG Idea.



- ❖ We want to teach as much of the Bible that we can to people, but we can't teach it all in one lesson.
- ❖ When you teach the Bible you want to explain and apply one main idea for your listeners.



Practical tips on doing one big idea teaching:

- ❖ Make sure your one main idea comes from the Bible. The Bible is what sets Bible teaching apart. People need the Word of God not the word of man.
- ❖ Teach from just one passage. The Bible is laid out in paragraphs. Generally one passage has one main idea. When you try to take on too much at one time you overwhelm yourself and your listeners.
- ❖ Use one good illustration for one main idea. Illustrations can be either your best friends or your worst enemies.



Example of one big idea teaching:

Matthew 7:24-27 – “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.



Notice how Jesus uses just one main idea, with one illustration, in one passage (paragraph).

- ❖ His one Main idea – A life built on obedience to God’s word is the right foundation for life.
 - ❖ His one illustration – Houses built upon their foundations.
- ❖ His one paragraph – Look at Matthew 7 in its entirety and notice how Jesus teaches one lesson for each paragraph. In verses 1-6 He deals with judging others. In verses 7-11 he deals with the idea of ask and it shall be given. As you continue to read the chapter you see this trend.



Some practical teaching tips:

- ❖ Be enthusiastic about what you are teaching.
 - ❖ Do not ramble.
- ❖ Speak from the heart without talking too much about yourself. Rather people even realize it or not, they need the truths of God's Word.
- ❖ Continue to bring your listeners back to the Bible as you teach. This eliminates teaching flaws such as: rambling, talking too much about yourself, getting sidetracked, rabbit trails, etc.
 - ❖ Better teaching comes through experience.
- ❖ Always keep in mind that the life you live teaches people just as much as the lessons you give.



Homework:

- ❖ Make sure you are already in the Word of God devotionally.
- ❖ Teach the Bible. Teaching the Bible to others does not have to be done behind a pulpit or lectern. Teach family, friends, co-workers, fellow church members, etc. the truths you are discovering from God's Word in study.
- ❖ Get involved in children's ministries in the church where Bible teaching can be done.