

A Philosophy of Teaching

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I. Introduction.

- A. There is more to teaching and preaching than a well prepared message.
- B. Our life is our ministry. Our lessons should be saturated with prayer, empowered by the Spirit and born out of conviction from the Scriptures.

II. The law of teaching.

- A. Telling isn't teaching.
- B. Listening isn't learning.
- C. We learn to do by doing.

III. Accountability.

- A. Tell people why.
- B. Show them how.
- C. Get them started.
- D. Keep them going.
- E. Let them reproduce.

IV. Preparation for a life in ministry.

- A. The more ready you are, the likelier God will give you an opportunity.
- B. Do not do anything half-heartedly.
- C. Christians sadly do not discipline themselves very much. There is a cost to follow Christ. (Philippians 4:9; 1 Corinthians 9:27; 2 Corinthians 6:3-4)

V. Preparation for spiritual warfare. (Genesis 3:15; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

- A. We are in a battle field for the souls of men. (2 Corinthians 11:2-3)
- B. Satan has blinded our minds. They must be transformed. (Romans 12:2)
- C. We have weapons to fight against Satan. (Ephesians 6:10-17; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
 - 1. The Holy Spirit. (2 Timothy 1:7; Acts 3; 4:8)
 - 2. Scripture. (Hebrews 4:12)

3. Prayer.

4. Faith. (1 John 5:4)

Application questions:

1. How would you evaluate your teaching preparation based on the sermon?

2. What is the relationship between spiritual warfare and teaching preparation? Explain.

3. What does it look like to follow up with teaching and follow through? Explain.
