

"Teachers Matter!"

James 3:1-2

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1. Teaching the Word is a Great _____

A. All Christians should _____ the Word

Matt. 28:19-20: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

B. All Christians should _____ teach the Word

Vs. 1a: Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers...

Matt. 23:5-7: They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces and being called *rabbi* by others.

Psalms 139:23-24: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!!

2. Teaching the Word is a Great _____

Vs. 1b: for you know that we who teach will be judged **with greater strictness**.

Matt. 12:36: I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,

Hebrews 13:17: Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, **as those who will have to give an account**. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

3. Teachers and Hearers of the Word should be _____

Vs. 2: For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in **what he says**, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

A. _____ should be Circumspect

1) Teach _____: 2 Corinthians 4:5: For what **we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord**, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

2) Teach Christ's _____: 2 Timothy 4:1-2: I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: **preach the word...**

3) Teach Christ's Word with _____: 1 Peter 5:1-3: So I exhort the elders among you... shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but **being examples to the flock**.

B. _____ should be Circumspect

2 Timothy 4:3-4: For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but **having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions**, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Discussion Questions

1. Share about a teacher or pastor who has impacted your life.
2. What are some good motives for teaching God's Word? Bad motives?
3. What are the potential dangers of teaching God's Word? What do you think it means that teachers will be judged with greater strictness? (CF 2 Cor. 5:10, 1 Cor. 3:12-15)
4. How should teachers be circumspect with their speech?
5. How should we be circumspect with what and who we listen to?
6. How does this passage point to Jesus?