Isaiah 28:10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little."

Importance of Teaching Ministry

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "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, 20 "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.

#4 Mission statement: Victory Life Church is a Teaching church, speaking the truth in love, without compromise; ministering grace, without legalism; providing practical Bible application for new believers and mature saints.

Hindrances to having bible studies:
1. Lazy Christians
2. Chronically tardy Christians
3. Picky Christians:
   a. Only show up when Dick mills, Carol Cartwright & Steve stunning are in town!
   b. I would personally like to thank the Christians, leaders who show up for events when the pastor is not there. In some churches if the pastor goes away the mice will play.
   c. There should be balance in your diet in the spiritual just there are in the natural. If all you eat is strawberry shortcake you will get fat,
   d. Don’t forget the 6 food groups: Dairy, Meat, Vegetables, Breads, Fruits, Chocolate & Coffee:
4. People who have to be babied
   a. I should not have to personally call each of you to remind you to eat your vegetables, or beg you to come to a bible study!
5. Idolatrous Christians
6. Big headed Christians, “I already know that and don’t need to come”
7. Excuse making Christians
   a. “I wanted to go but got home and, well, ah, decided not to go”.
8. Sunday morning Service only Christians (SMSO)
9. Bored Christians: Quit ½ way through 12 week course
   a. We are not here to entertain & Humor you. Pastor Don’s humor is strictly a bonus!
10. Honey bee Christians
    a. They only come to a service when a prophet comes to town.
    b. They show favoritism and only come when certain people teach. The teaching ministry is not American Idol competition, nor is it The Gong show.

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

   a. Show support to our budding teachers. They work hard for you. Give them grace.
   b. What if you were teaching and someone said, “You are boring. I won’t show up Wednesday.”

Lame things I have seen teachers do:
1. Teachers who only show up when they teach and doesn’t get involved in class when they aren’t scheduled.
2. Teachers who don’t study. They forget what they are speaking on, or pick up the outline for their lesson ½ hour before they teach.
3. Teachers who allow themselves to get discouraged and cancel Bible study if one person shows up.
   a. If only one shows up it is a discipleship lesson
   b. We don’t cancel services & meetings at our church. I have postponed & rescheduled.
4. Teachers who are disorganized, monotone, boring & not excited about the word.
   a. I don’t recommend fasting on the day you preach
5. Teachers, who are not teachable & open to evaluation or correction.
6. Teachers who are obsessed with pet doctrines. (or preach on opinions & newspaper stories)
7. Preach for 90 minutes when they only have a 45 minute anointing!
   “If you haven’t struck oil after 30 minutes stop drilling”

My philosophy on teaching:
1. It is a sin to be boring. “Stir up the gift of God that is in you: 2 Timothy 1:6
2. What you teach is caught as well as taught.
   a. To operate in a right spirit: Never minister out of anger, rebellion, prejudice, or harpoon people in the congregation. That spirit that spirit can be easily transferred to your students.
   b. Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”

Acts 17:11-12 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.
12 Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.
Classes that have been taught:

1. Cults & world religions
2. Discipleship
3. Leadership
4. Life of Christ
5. Marriage
6. Attributes of God
7. Armor Bearer
8. Growing kids God’s way
9. Ministering Spiritual gifts
10. Praise & Worship
11. Prayer
12. Deliverance
13. Evangelism
14. Word foundations
15. Healing
16. Faith

Yes, we receive woman teachers:

I Timothy 2:9–14 Paul began by saying that Christian women should dress with modesty. He was not preaching against nice clothes, jewelry, and makeup. The idea is that Christian women are not to be like the women of the world whose total emphasis is on the exterior. Paul urged women to be true disciples of Jesus Christ and did not say that they cannot teach, preach, minister, or prophesy. However women are not to seize the authority of a man. God appointed the man as the head of the family, and the man is responsible to serve his wife in love and be in submission to God. Paul was not teaching that Adam was morally, intellectually, or spiritually better than Eve; but he was her superior in order. Somehow Eve stepped outside the umbrella of protection afforded through the subordination to Adam and left herself open to spiritual deception.


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