

Qualifications, Qualities, & Characteristics of Teachers

- A. Bible class teacher should be a genuine and faithful Christian.
1. The aim of teaching in the Lord's church is to teach so as to lead your students to God or closer to God.
 2. Any person who does this work must be a faithful Christian.
 3. One cannot lead where they do not go any more than they can teach what they do not know.
- B. A teacher should be devoted to his/her students.
1. The teacher's chief joy comes from seeing the personalities which are committed to his/her instructional guidance into the likeness of Christ,
 2. The objective of teaching a Bible class is not to merely take up some forty-five minutes of assigned classroom time, but rather to instill into the hearts of every pupil the unsearchable riches of Christ.
- C. A teacher should be willing to be trained and to continue to grow as a teacher.
1. There are three general categories in which effective teachers should have knowledge and training.
 - a. BIBLE TRUTHS:
 1. Teachers in the Church should know the Bible, the source of all truth. Know the Man and teach the Plan!
 2. There is no substitute for knowing the truth . . . believing the truth . . . living the truth . . . and sharing the truth with others through teaching.
 - b. HUMAN PSYCHOLOGY:
 1. **Psalm 139: 14** – "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well."
 2. Certain laws of growth and development apply to the body and the mind. Teachers need to know about the developmental characteristics of their student's age group so as not to expect of them that of which they are not able to produce.
 3. A lack of knowledge may result in inflicting much harm.
 4. Know the physical abilities and limitations of your students.
 5. Don't have to attend a university to learn these things.
 - c. TEACHING METHODOLOGIES:
 1. Things that work well . . . things that do not work well . . . and things that do not work at all.
 2. Use good methodologies that hold the attention of your students and effectively communicate the Word of God into their hearts and lives.

- D. Have a happy disposition with the ability to smile through things that are not pleasant.
- E. Be patient with your students . . . God is not through with the yet. Be patient with yourself . . . God isn't through with you either.
- F. Get plenty of rest and be at your best when you enter the bible classroom.
 - 1. I seldom . . . very seldom ever accept a Saturday evening engagement.
 - 2. How I feel and how I am on Sunday has a lot to do with what I did on Saturday night.
- G. The teacher should be mentally alert and willing to study.
- H. A good tone of voice is helpful in teaching all age groups. Flex your voice. Don't speak in monotone.
- I. A sense of humor will be helpful. Solomon said in **Proverbs 17:22** – “A merry heart does good, like medicine . . .”
- J. Enthusiasm is one of the greatest essentials of a successful teacher.
- K. Promptness is a virtue. Arrive early . . . long before any of your students. Be the last to leave the classroom.
- L. Organization. Organize your classroom, lesson, your time, and your methods.
- M. Neatness. Appearance, classroom, materials, and approach.
- N. Call students by their names.
 - 1. Their names are important to them
 - 2. You are important to them.
 - 3. Your calling them by name is important to them.