

THE TEACHING OF JESUS

(Matthew 7:28-29)

I. Is genuinely concerned and interested in students as individuals.

- a. Did you ever have a teacher or coach strive to make a connection with you and let you know she cared about you?
 - i. The teachers that do are the most effective.
 - ii. It's a hard thing to do because we are often very impersonal.
 - iii. This attribute is vital in soul-winning and not everyone can do this.
- b. If you can do that with a young person, and that young person knows there is no selfish intent on your part, you can really influence him or her.
- c. But notice that it has to be genuine.
 - i. You can't bluff your way around with children and teenagers.
 - ii. They are born with an acute hypocrisy sniffer: they can tell it from a mile away.
- d. Do you know of a teacher that is or was more genuinely concerned about his students than Jesus was about His?
 - i. Jesus cared so deeply that He cried on occasion because His students would not listen to Him (Luke 19:41).
 - ii. Jesus cared for the one we call the rich young ruler (Mark 10:21).
- e. Do you know of a teacher that is or was more genuinely interested in his students that Jesus was about His?
 - i. He looked out for the physical welfare of those who listened to Him as well as their spiritual welfare.
 - ii. He took the time to talk with a Samaritan woman who men had viewed as nothing but an object.
- f. Jesus is just as concerned and interested in individuals today as He was while on earth.
 - i. He still wants all men to be saved.
 - ii. He still calls for us to cast our cares on Him.
 - iii. He still calls for all those who are weak and heavy laden with sin to come to Him for rest.
- g. Jesus was and is so interested and concerned in us that He allowed Himself to be made the sacrifice for our sins.

II. Requires students to work.

- a. We, as students, often about liking easy teachers.
 - i. Those students who are lazy do like the easy teachers.
 - ii. We always called them crib classes.
- b. However, deep down, if we really enjoyed a subject, we liked the teacher who made us learn, which takes work.

- c. Going into a class and not having to do anything will cause you to walk out of that class knowing nothing new.
- d. Those teachers that made us work to get the grade we wanted were the best teachers we ever had.
- e. Jesus requires His students to work.
 - i. One of His great teaching parables lets His students know they must do what He said do (Matthew 7:24ff).
 - ii. We have to give effort in the Christian life.
- f. This is what is offensive about Calvinism and any doctrine that says we are saved by grace alone.
- g. Our Lord requires of those who would be His students that they do what He has commanded.
- h. John made this very clear (1 John 2:3).
- i. Our Lord requires work of us and He set the example for us as well as taught us this principle (John 17:4; 9:4).

III. Is impartial dealing with students.

- a. Teachers who show partiality are hard to like for those who aren't the favorite.
- b. Teachers who help all students and give to students that which they earn are appreciated.
 - i. Teachers who are overly harsh and refuse to help are no good.
 - ii. Those who will only help some or are kind to some are no good.
- c. Real students only want to get what they work for in the classroom but they want to get as much as anyone else does.
- d. Good teachers know those students who want more and are truly working to get it so they generally reward those students with the help they need.
- e. Jesus is the most impartial Teacher there has ever been.
- f. Those students who want to know the truth that He offers and teaches can know it (Matthew 7:7-8).
- g. Our Lord never played favorites.
 - i. He called His own disciples "ye of little faith".
 - ii. He told Peter "get thee behind me Satan".
 - iii. He told a group of Jews that a Gentile had more faith than all in Israel.
- h. Jesus did not die for just one person or one group of people.
- i. Jesus died for all men so that all men have the possibility of salvation.
- j. Jesus does not want His message withheld from any group of people.
- k. All people are to get all of the message because He wants all to be saved.
 - i. The disobedient will be punished and the obedient will be rewarded.
 - ii. If one does right for a time but falls away, he will be punished.
 - iii. If one does wickedly for a long time but then obeys the gospel and remains obedient, he will be rewarded.
- l. The Master Teacher is also the Master Judge who will do right in all decisions.

IV. Is obviously enthusiastic about teaching.

- a.** There are some teachers who are just drawing a check.
 - i.** They couldn't care less if you as the student get the material or not.
 - ii.** They are doing exactly what they have to do to keep a job and nothing else.
- b.** Then there are those teachers who love the subject they are teaching and the students to whom they are teaching it.
- c.** The difference in the two is obvious to all.
- d.** Jesus was extremely enthusiastic about teaching the lost.
- e.** The word teach is found 33 times in the New Testament.
 - i.** It is found 12 times in the gospel accounts.
 - ii.** 10 times it is said of or by Jesus.
- f.** The word teaching is found 23 times in the New Testament.
 - i.** It is found 14 times in the gospel accounts.
 - ii.** 10 times it is said by or about Jesus.
- g.** Taught is found 46 times in the New Testament.
 - i.** It is found 29 times in the gospel accounts.
 - ii.** 28 times it used about Jesus and what He was doing.
- h.** Over and over again in the brief time Jesus spent on earth, He is seen teaching.
 - i.** He loved to teach the lost.
 - ii.** He loved to teach His students to allow them to grow.
- i.** There is no doubt that when we study the life of Christ that we see obvious enthusiasm for teaching from Jesus.

The four main points for this sermon were found in a sermon illustration on teaching. It was a survey done of 3,000 Colorado high school seniors and what they believed made up the ideal teacher.