

Resource Ministries
STM2 - Communicating God's Word
COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD 1 – Introduction

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, (1 Peter 3:15)

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. (2 Timothy 4:2)

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. (Col 4:6)

- I. Where are the opportunities for us to share the Word of God?
 - A. Realize that there are many times that we are given the opportunity to share.
 - B. There is only one pulpit, but.....:
 - 1. Sunday School / Junior Church
 - 2. Youth Group
 - 3. School Assemblies
 - 4. Bible Studies
 - 5. Home Groups
 - 6. Special Functions
 - 7. Men's / Women's Meetings
 - 8. Mom's & Tot's
 - 9. Nursing Homes
 - 10. One - on - One
- II. Who can share the Word of God?
 - A. Those with a (living and growing) relationship with Jesus.

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. (2 Timothy 2:2)
 - B. Those willing to share the Word of God.
 - 1. Commanded to teach

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

- a. take the responsibility
- b. take it seriously
- c. Teach....make disciples - not decisions

- 3. Faithful. Consistent, reliable, steadfast.

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- C. Those that are themselves teachable.

- 1. II Timothy 2:2 First be taught, then teach.
- 2. Blind leading blind.

They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men. Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit." (Matthew 15:9,14)

- 3. Never able to come to knowledge of truth.

6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, 7 always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. (2Tim 3:6-7)

- D. Those that are apt (able) to teach.

- 1. Aptitude - apt - inclined to (not one who has no inclination or patience). Quick to learn to understand (not one who has trouble learning). II Timothy 3:7 Not one who hears but never grasps truth.

Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, (1 Timothy 3:2)

And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. (2 Timothy 2:24)

III. Our example is important.

A. The thing that brings respect is example - a good example. Bad examples produces disrespect.

B. Be an example of the believer.

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

C. Be an example in:

1. Word - Manner of speech
Honesty of speech
Sobriety of speech

2. Manner of life: dress.. personal appearance.. hair... personal hygiene. Example.

3. Spirit - the attitude you portray in joy, in disappointment, towards authority, towards anyone, in problems. "Am I steady, level or up and down?"

4. In Faith - not only hearing, believing, acting in obedience, (aspects of faith), but also Faithfulness, committed, reliable, dependable, trustworthy.

5. In Purity - singleness of heart, one way committed to a purpose as well as morality. Thought - Word - Action - Attitude.
Moral conduct is part of this; singleness, purity of motive and purpose, the other part.

6. If I am a TEACHER, I automatically become a teacher in all areas - people can't sort out what to believe in me and what to overlook. I must be consistent.

7. We can limit what people can hear and receive of God's truths by the way we live....our example

For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel. (Ezra 7:10)

IV. The example of Jesus

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach (Acts 1:1)

- A. The teachings of Jesus deal with practical matters.
- B. The teachings of Jesus show more concern for the heart than for the head.
 - 1. One way Jesus responded to the needs of the people was to teach them.
 - 2. To the multitudes he shared the Kingdom of God and taught them through the parables.
 - 3. Jesus taught and trained his disciples.
 - i. Large group sharing
 - ii. Small group sharing
 - iii. Individual sharing

V. What things did Jesus share and teach.

- A. The Rabbis taught about many petty detail things.
 - 1. How much weight could one carry on the Sabbath?
 - 2. How far could the burden be carried?
 - 3. What is the proper length of the fringes of one's robe?
- B. Be careful not to get caught up with these fringe areas.

(SS teacher....winking is evil)
- C. Jesus dealt with the basics of life: Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount
 - 1. Relationships: With God, others, conflicts
 - 2. Values: Material and spiritual
 - 3. Faith
 - 4. Judging
 - 5. Trust / anxiety
 - 6. Fruitfulness in our lives

VI. What are some things we can / should be sharing?

1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. 2 Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. 3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no-one will malign the word of God. 6. Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. 7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. (Titus 2:1-8)

- A. Teach / share what is sound, not minor points.
- B. Older men: temperance, respectable, self-controlled, steadfast, loving.
- C. Older women: reverent conduct, don't gossip, don't get drunk.
- D. Younger women: love husbands and children, self-controlled, busy at home, kind, subject to husband.
- E. Younger men: self-controlled, show integrity, seriousness, soundness of speech, respect for elders.

VII. Are there some practical everyday ways that we can share the truths of God's Word?

Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, (Titus 2:4)

- A. Look at the skills, abilities that you have and how you can share them with others.
 - 1. Office skills
 - 2. Cooking skills
 - 3. Mechanical skills
 - 4. Computer skills
 - 5. Sewing skills
- B. Use the opportunities to share these natural, practical skills to also share truths from God's Word.

1. Through your example and attitudes.
2. Through taking time to share scripture and pray.
3. Through sharing testimony of God's help for you in similar situations.