

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2Timothy 4:2

Store In My Heart

2John 9

Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

We understand the word "abide" to indicate the idea of "live in." We need to live in the teaching that Christ delivered through His apostles and inspired writers. Not just give some attention to it from time to time but submit our very life to its commands and precepts. It must guide all parts of our life. There is no way around it!

We cannot treat the teachings of Christ as a set of suggestions from which we pick bits and pieces as we see fit and still expect to remain in good favor with God. It is a way of life that we must live!

If I expect to be with God and His Son I must make God's Word the plan for living all the days of my life. Diligently work to follow the Word always.



The Simple Plan Of Teaching Others

Kent Heaton

There is a story told of a community of fishermen that loved to get together to talk about fishing. They met once a week and spent hours pouring over the different ways to catch fish, the newest instruments, the most up-to-date information on the habits of fish. They met during the week to have another meeting to study fishing. Twice a year (sometimes more) grand meetings would be held inviting neighboring fishing communities to come and learn more about fishing and the importance of fishing. Speeches filled the assembly halls with examples of those who fished in days past and the great numbers of fish caught (one such story told of catching 3,000 fish in one day). Flyers were printed with all the information on how to catch fish, where to catch fish and the need to catch more fish. One could say that this community of fishermen were busy about the need of fishing and had all the resources to catch fish daily. Sadly with all the energy put into the science of fishing, few fish were ever caught and sometimes a few years would go by before even one fish was caught.

The problem in this fishing community was very simple. While everyone agreed on the need to catch fish only a few (if any) ever took the time to put a hook in the water and make an effort to catch fish. They knew just about everything there was to know about fishing but no one wanted to take the time to go to the river or the lake to catch fish. Some communities would hire a man to come in and do their fishing for them. Others were content to read about it but no one should expect them to do any fishing. Remarkably there were many who thought

the fish would just jump out of the water and into the boat - why should they do anything - let the fish come to them.

With all the great evangelism plans and gospel meetings about teaching others, the words of Jesus still ring true today: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"* (**Matthew 28:19-20**). The emphasis should be made of the need to "GO" and the only way to "MAKE" disciples of all the nations is to have someone sit down with someone and teach them the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord further admonishes the need of "TEACHING THEM" and that takes individuals teaching individuals. All of this requires 'putting a hook in the water' but you can't put a hook in the water unless you GO to the water.

"Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them" (**Acts 8:5**). *"Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to [the eunuch]"* (**Acts 8:35**). Cornelius tells Peter *"So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord"* (**Acts 10:33**). Paul found Lydia at the riverside in Philippi (**Acts 16:11-15**) and then taught the jailor and all his family (**Acts 16:25-34**). People taught people the gospel in the First Century.

The great need of the church today is for its citizens to realize that all the talk of saving souls is only as good as those who are willing to lay aside the busy affairs of life and spend time gleaning the fields ready for harvest. *"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest"* (**John 4:35**). Jesus admonishes still today, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few"* (**Matthew 9:37**).

Contact Us

We like opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.

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For Our Information

Adene Gray is at Arbor Oaks. She is in skilled nursing care and doing some physical therapy. She is also getting much rest.

Sue Soliday is doing physical therapy 3 times a week.

John LaValla is having some dizziness from medications.

The **Simpson** Family is in Star City this weekend.

Sunday Evening – **Isaiah 10:5** Wednesday – **John 20:19**

Our Gospel Meeting begins Next Week!

A Meal List is on the bulletin board in the Foyer.

Announcements are available just below the board.

The
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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study