

## **We Ought To Teach Hebrews 5:12-14**

God does not always state reasons for certain commands  
Sometimes God's reason becomes obvious based on other related ideas  
God gives us both stated & not specifically stated reasons to teach.

### **Commanded**

*Hebrews 5:12*

Reasonable time for new born Christians to learn

Ought - binding as necessary, must, obligated to - **Acts 5:29; Ephesians 5:28**

Teaching another the truth is a command of God.

God intended that taught people who becomes Christians turn around and teach others the same thing -- a domino effect - **2Timothy 2:2**

Many more converted than if only preachers, elders & few teach.

God didn't say each Christian must teach adult class, or even publicly

Each varies in teaching ability & opportunity, God demands best - **Ecclesiastes 9:10; Matthew 6:33; 22:36-37; 25:14-30**

Private, classroom, or both, God demands teach to best of abilities

Handing out tracts or bulletin, writing letter encouraging one to obey or to admonish a straying brother, fulfills this command

Fathers and mothers teaching their families in privacy of home

Discussing Scripture with fellow-workers or fellow-students

A desire to teach any & all should characterize our thinking

With desire, opportunity & ability meet, & teaching will occur!

If one refuses to teach, public or private, for any number of reasons, he violates God's plain command

"I don't know enough," "I'm afraid I will offend him," "I'll just freeze," etc. are excuses some use for doing no teaching whatever!

Remember, God did not say how much, where, public or private, but He did say, "ye ought to be teachers." It is a command.

### **Spiritual Increase**

To exercise spiritual discernment, develop spiritual maturity, and grasp deeper spiritual teachings:

**Hebrews 5:11-14**

Knowing teachers bear great responsibility, should cause us to be careful students of the Word -

**James 3:1; 2Timothy 2:14-15**

Careful, accurate teaching requires careful study

Continual careful study, will develop our spiritual senses

Experience in the Word, allows older Christians, elders, & preachers to warn about certain activities some younger Christians say they "have no problem with"?

Studying to teach gives us a better grasp of the whole of the Bible, and enables us to appreciate deeper truths

Increases our faith & helps us remain upright - **Colossians 2:6; 2Peter 1:10**

Study required to teach has by-products that pay eternal dividends. - **2Timothy 2:15**

Every Christian man should desire to develop himself to the fullest extent possible that he may serve to his fullest capacity

Becoming an elder, deacon, preacher, or Bible class teacher in a local congregation should grow naturally out of one's desire for his own spiritual development & desire that others grow likewise

**To become great in God's sight:**

***Matthew 5:19***

To be considered "great" before God is a humbling thought  
God blesses those who see all of God's Word important, does & teaches it

## **Examples**

**Jesus - 1Peter 2:21**

Numerous examples of Jesus teaching - **Mark 4:1; 6:2**

For people to be saved they must be taught. - **John 6:44-45; 1Timothy 2:4**

For man's will to be molded into God's will we must share the truth

## **Apostles**

Jesus gave apostles special qualifications to do much we cannot do

God desired His final revelation be confirmed by miracles - **Mark 16:20**

But God also wanted people to be saved

They were saved through being taught the gospel, as we today - **Acts 2-4**

May not have qualifications, abilities, follow example in teaching

**Early Christians - Acts 8:4**

Disciples in Jerusalem were scattered on day of Stephen's stoning

Apostles remained in Jerusalem, displaced Christians taught people in sphere of influence in Judea, Samaria, Phoenicia, Cyprus and Syria.

## **Love**

**Matthew 22:39**

If we really want the best for someone

Believe only two eternal destinies for every person - **Matthew 25:46**

Believe the gospel is God's power to save - **Romans 1:16-17**

Without it people are lost and bound for a devil's hell - **2Thessalonians 1:8**

We won't be able to keep from teaching that person the truth

Our conscience won't allow it

We may help neighbors in a number of ways physically, but the greatest good we can do them is to teach them the truth

They will be eternally grateful that you did, if they think right and become children of God through your efforts

Should we not all strive to teach?

## **Teach**

We are commanded to teach

We are shown by example that we should teach

Are you teaching?

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