

## For Our Information

The Simpson family is out of town this weekend.

Continue to remember Carolynn Richmond, Ricky & Theresa Ragsdale, John Venable, Judy Thrasher and others of our families with health issues also.

Don't forget about the recent visitor cards that are on the wall in the office. A note of thanks is always good form.

Keep our brothers & sisters in mind

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

*and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision: whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake" (Titus 1:10-11).*

(Brother Smith's article, though written almost two decades ago, fits well with our current studies in the book of James. Teachers, whether in the classroom or out, must heed the warning regarding the grave responsibility they have accepted. Too many in the world today are teaching for their own profit rather than to help others fully understand the Word God has left to guide us. The teacher's goal must always be presenting God's Word in a manner that will help those who listen to better apply it's teachings in their daily life. Though the responsibility is great, we must each do our part in teaching the Word to a lost and dying world, lest we lose our own hope of reaching heaven. DLH)

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# Seeking His Righteousness

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## Responsibility of Teachers

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James said, "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment" (James 3:1, NASV)

There is a definite need today for teachers to take their work seriously. Often some are encouraged to teach who have no business doing so. James' statement is made, however, for the purpose of causing us to realize the grave responsibility which becomes ours when we undertake the task of teaching God's Word. Neither is it my purpose in setting forth these things to in any way discourage one from becoming, or continuing to be, a



*The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

**2Timothy 2:2**



## Meet With Us

### Worship Services

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

### Bible Classes

Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

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teacher of the Bible; for one only needs to consider the many passages which urge us all to be teachers. It is in view of carelessness in the use of the tongue on the part of many who might aspire to teaching that called forth the admonition of James.

While it is true that the application here is not limited to the classroom teacher only, we do need to make some observations relative to the teacher in the Bible class situation. The teacher must be aware of the need to bridle the tongue. Too often teachers simply try to **occupy the time**. Sometimes they will advance a question which they know could never in a million years be answered to the satisfaction of anyone. Or, they might allow some "crank" to lead the class (including the teacher) into discussions of subjects not even remotely related to the lesson assigned for that session. Hence a lot of time is consumed in wrangling over "*foolish questions*" (**2Timothy 2:23**).

Another failing is when the teacher is simply bent on teaching somebody's material. He does not seem to be concerned about teaching the **truth**; but is determined to teach the **material** which he has; and he intends to cover this material at all costs. Great is the responsibility of the teacher! Don't get me wrong; I am not opposed to the use of good Bible class literature; but I am opposed to the abuse of it, and I am afraid many become "slaves" to it; even to the extent that they are "as lost as a goose" without **somebody's material**. This is the kind of person who has no business trying to teach! The teacher's responsibility is to faithfully present the truth.

## Store In My Heart

### Psalms 55:22

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

When we truly hold this verse in our hearts and practice the teaching it provides we can find contentment and happiness no matter what this world might set in our way. We need to learn the art of turning loose of this world and holding on to God.

Only when we can truly "cast our cares" on God will we find happiness in this life. Too often our time is filled with concerns about the things of life when we should be thinking about God and the blessings and responsibilities He gives. Are you anxious or worried? Let go and reach for God!

Paul said to Timothy: "*As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus; when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith; so do*" (**1Timothy 1:3-4**). He also wrote the Galatians on this wise: "*But though we, or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed*" (**Galatians 1:8**). Again, to Timothy the same writer said: "*Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee*" (**1Timothy 4:16**). Great is the responsibility of the teacher!

Despite the fact that the New Testament abound with warnings and admonitions respecting the teaching of the Word of God, there are those who seem not to take such work seriously. Some in many quarters have grown so accustomed to teachers always disregarding these matters that they never expect them to do any better. Indeed, they have become so "spoiled" because of such irresponsible teachers, that they have lost a desire for real meat for the soul! Then when a teacher comes along who takes his work seriously, and who really wants to go to heaven after death, his teaching is just too dull, monotonous and just plain boring! But Peter said: "*If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; That God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen*" (**1Peter 4:11**). The apostle Paul said, "*For there are many unruly and vain talkers*