



## THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHERS

Scripture Reading: Titus 2.

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:10.

1. Do we still need teachers in the work toward the perfecting of the Saints? Ephesians 4:11,12.

2. Should ministers be able to teach? 2 Timothy 1:11.

3. What is the qualification for a Bishop or local Elder? 1 Timothy 3:2.

4. What example of effective teaching do we find in Acts 18: 24-28?

5. What special qualities make a person an effective teacher? 2 Timothy 2:24-26.

6. Who was the greatest teacher? Matthew 13:54.

7. Should a true teacher be able to interest and inspire his listeners? Luke 24:32; Matthew 7:29.

8. Paul spoke of certain ones. What did he say they were in need of? Hebrews 5:12,13. Does he imply that a growth is necessary?

9. How does one become skillful in the Word? Hebrews 5:14.

**NOTE:** Teaching is one of the five departments of the ministry. Also notice in

followers. His greatest desire was that, "They all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one. . . I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one." (John 17:21-23.)

The very testimony of our unity will cause the world to know that the Gospel which we profess is true. On the other hand, if God's people become known for contention and strife, this will reflect negatively on Christ's cause. As we study what the Bible has to say on this important subject, let us endeavor to purge our hearts of all contentious thoughts and unite in the perfect Will of God.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:9-15.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:16.

1. What causes fighting and contention? James 4:1; Proverbs 26:21; Proverbs 22:10; Proverbs 13:10.

2. Do even some who profess Christ sow seeds of contention? Philippians 1:15,16.

3. Does the Bible encourage debating over minor issues of doctrine? Titus 3:9.

4. What should you do when another challenges you in a contentious manner? 1 Peter

## ENDURING TRIBULATIONS

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4.

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 1:7.

1. What does the apostle Peter say of trials which we as Christians might have to endure? 1 Peter 4:12.

2. Why should Christians not think it strange concerning these trials? 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 3:3,4.

3. Were the prophets of old examples of sufferings? James 5:10; Matthew 5:12.

4. In what way were many of them tried? Hebrew 11:36-38.

5. What did Christ say concerning trials? Matthew 5:10-12.

6. Why should a Christian glory in tribulations? Romans 5:3-5.

7. Are trials profitable? 1 Peter 1:7; James 1:12.

8. What is promised if we suffer patiently with Christ? 2 Timothy 2:12; Romans 8:17.

9. If one endures the sufferings for the sake of being a Christian, should such a one rejoice? James 5:11; 1 Peter 4:13.

10. What promise is for those who endure faithfully unto the end? Matthew 10:22;

## A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:1-13.

Memory Verse: Colossians 3:12.

1. Whom are we to represent and in what manner? 1 Timothy 4:12.

2. Whom are we commanded to follow as our example? Mark 8:34.

3. Who are we given as examples of endurance? James 5:10, also see 1 Peter 2:21.

4. What attitude should the world see in us after we have been put through trials? 1 Peter 4:16.

5. What should our minds dwell on which could make us better examples? Philippians 4:8.

6. In what way should we communicate one to another? Ephesians 4:29.

7. What are we to clothe ourselves with? Colossians 3:12.

8. What are some of the things we are told to follow after which will make our lives better examples? Romans 14:19, also see 1 Timothy 6:11.

**NOTE:** Many times we forget that we are to be the light of the world, and are to follow the examples left for us in the Word of God. By our example of a Christian life we may win souls for

was extended to each one of us, and how did Jesus define this spiritual water of life? John 7:37-39.

8. When we are filled with the Spirit, how will we walk? Galatians 5:16,25,26; Romans 6:11-13.

9. What righteous fruit will be manifested in our lives if we are completely surrendered to the Savior? Ephesians 5:9,10; Galatians 5:22,23.

**NOTE:** Many today do not yield themselves completely to the Lord and do not have the deep satisfying joy in their Christian life. Serving Christ, to them, is a burden instead of a joy. If you have not yet yielded your all to the Master—do so today!

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Lesson for December 9.

### CONTENTION - A TOOL OF SATAN

“A house divided against itself cannot stand,” Christ said. This well-known truth is especially applicable to the Church today. Contention and division are everywhere and are tools Satan uses to make God’s people weak. The Bible teaches strongly against strife and contention among the brethren. Christ is looking for a people who follow his example in brotherly love. Christ was very concerned about this in His prayer for His

“outsider” - which is why he starts the slander in the first place! In fact, some of the chief motives for slander are feelings of inferiority and jealousy, brought on by a weak spiritual state and a need to justify one’s self by denigrating others.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians chapter 4.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:29.

1. What is the source of slander? Matthew 15:19; Luke 6:45.

2. Should we trust those who indulge in slander? Jeremiah 9:8.

3. What class of people delights in gossip? Proverbs 11:9; Psalms 50:20; Jeremiah 6:28.

4. What are the effects of slander? Proverbs 6:19, 16:28, 18:8, 26:20.

5. What is the end of mischievous gossip, sensationalism, exaggeration and speculation? Ecclesiastes 10:12-14.

6. Are we justified in speaking evil of certain people whom we think deserve it? Titus 3:2-8.

7. Will we have to give account of all our untrue and hurtful words? Matthew 12:36,37.

8. Do seemingly godly people sometimes fall into the sin of slander and evil talking? James 1:26.

9. What are the qualifications of those whom the Lord will allow into His tabernacle? Psalms 15:1-3.

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verses 8, 10 and 11 of Eph 4, that it is the Lord that oversees the filling of each office. Heavenly gifts and callings are given for the purpose of helping others. 1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1,12.

10. What beautiful words did James write on the giving of gifts? James 1:17.

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Lesson for November 4.

### RACE EQUALITY IN SALVATION

Scripture Reading: Romans 9:1-8; John 8:30-44.

Memory Verse: Galatians 3:28.

1. Does our Heavenly Father have respect of persons? 1 Peter 1:17-19.

2. Are all of the children of Abraham going to be saved? Romans 9:8.

3. Through whom and how are the children of the kingdom called? Romans 9:7 (last part); Galatians 3:16.

4. How do we become heirs of the promise made to Abraham, and thereby receive eternal life? Galatians 3:29.

5. Will all of the descendants of Abraham through Jacob be saved, or will it just be a remnant? Romans 11:5; Isaiah 10:21,22.

6. As they are being gathered back to the promised land, Jerusalem, and the surrounding country, will they be sent pastors to teach them

Revelation 2:10.

11. Are the sufferings of this present time worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed? Romans 8:18.

**NOTE:** In a scriptural sense persecution was the active and malignant opposition with which the Christians of all ages have met with from the enemies of Christ, and thus will it be until the return of our Lord and Saviour.

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Lesson for October 14.

### THOU SHALT NOT TAKE HIS NAME IN VAIN

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:1-20.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:7.

1. What did Jesus say about taking an oath? Matthew 5:33-37.

2. What did James instruct us to do when we are asked to take an oath? James 5:12.

3. If any one swore falsely during the Levitical age, how was he punished? Leviticus 6:2-6.

**NOTE:** We see that taking an oath was not forbidden by the law of Moses. However Jesus came to magnify the law (Isaiah 42:21) and this forbids taking an oath.

the truth? Jeremiah 3:14,15; Ezekiel 33:6-8,20.

7. What are we told about the hearts of these pastors? Jeremiah 3:15.

8. Will the pastors, the Lord sends to Israel when they are gathered back, be successful in teaching them so that many will receive a new heart and a new spirit? Ezekiel 36:24-26.

**NOTE:** It is well to remember that men, possessed with the Holy Spirit, went forth to the Gentile nations, carrying the gospel, and the hearts of millions have been changed from their blinded idolatry to serve and worship the Lord. His Work is the same today and with Israel. It is going forth through the Bible, the Word of God, accompanied by His Spirit within consecrated servants, of His choosing— without respect of person, race or color. Rev. 22:16,17.

8. In the day when the Lord cleanseth many of their hearts and puts within them His Spirit, what is said about building the desolate cities and fencing them? Ezekiel 36:33-35.

9. What effect will the future events pertaining to Israel also have in opening the eyes of the Gentiles all over the world? Ezekiel 38:14-16,23.

**NOTE:** This does not mean that the Gentile nations will be saved anymore than is does the Jews, just because they are made to realize there is a God who still ruleth the world. There is to be a message of warning to both, to all nations, a

4. How serious an offence is it to take the name of the Lord our God in vain? Leviticus 24:11-14.

5. What did Paul have to say about vain words? Ephesians 5:4,6; 4:29; Colossians 3:8.

6. What has the Lord promised us if we order our conversation aright? Psalms 50:23.

7. Are we able to order our conversation aright with- out a change of heart? Matthew 12:34,35.

8. Shall we be judged by what we say? Matthew 12:36,37.

9. What did James say about the tongue? James 3:6-10.

10. In what way will heaven look upon us if we fail to serve God with all our hearts and lay aside His Holy Commandments in order to keep the tradition of men? Mark 7:7-9.

11. Shall we be held guiltless if we in any way take the name of the Lord in vain? Exodus 20:7.

**NOTE:** We are assured in the Holy Writ of God that we shall not be held guiltless if we use the name of the Lord in vain, such as in swearing, or in taking an oath, or if we refuse to keep the Commandments of God, and follow the traditions of men instead.

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9. To what will knowledge lead us? 2 Peter 1:6; I Corinthians 9:24-27.

10. What will follow if we attain to the Christian standard? John 17:21-23.

11. What will result from growing in grace? 2 Peter 1:8.

12. If we fail in these things what must have been forgotten? 2 Peter 1:9.

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Lesson for December 2.

### THE WATER OF LIFE

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 12.

Memory Verse: Revelation 22:17.

1. What is God's invitation to all who thirst? Isaiah 44:3; 55:1.

2. By what means do we draw water from the wells of salvation? Isaiah 12:2,3.

3. What simple request did Jesus make to the woman at Jacob's well? John 4:6,7.

4. What was the woman's reply? John 4:9.

5. How did the women react when Jesus told her about the Living Water? John 4:10-12.

6. When a person receives the 'Living Water,' are his innermost needs satisfied? John 4:13,14; 6:35.

7. On a different occasion what invitation

each other's needs? James 5:16.

**NOTE:** The Bible tells us to “watch and pray”. Great accomplishments can be made by the prayers of His people. Let us continue to pray, as the Bible commands, for the peace of Jerusalem, for the leaders of our nations and for our brothers and sisters around the world.

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Lesson for December 23.

### SLANDER AND EVIL SPEAKING

No one likes to be gossiped about, nor does anyone enjoy being slandered. Yet there is certainly no shortage of gossip circles or slander manufacturers. This shows that many have no real antipathy for the sport itself, and that it is only when they themselves are the targets for its bitter arrows that they fully appreciate its loathsomeness. The next time we find ourselves participating in any kind of “evil talking” or unkind speculation, we would do well to examine our motives. We would also do well to ask ourselves if we really know what we are talking about. Often people repeat things about which they have no first-hand knowledge. They may not even know the person whom they are slandering, but have just heard “this and that” from some “insider. “This insider often is, in reality, an

11. What kind of news will we be passing around to others? Isaiah 52:7.

12. Will we bear a cross with joy, and deny ourselves in the work of the Lord? Luke 9:23-25.

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Lesson for November 25.

### GROWING IN GRACE

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4.

Memory Verse: Galatians 2:20.

1. What is our ultimate goal as Christians? 2 John 3:2,3.

2. To see God what must we possess? Hebrews 12:14.

3. In putting on the new man how will we be found? Ephesians 4:24.

4. What should be our testimony to the world? Galatians 2:20.

5. Through what steps must we advance? 2 Peter 1:5-7.

6. How important is faith to a Christian? Hebrews 11:6.

7. What is our high calling? 2 Peter 1:3; Philippians 3:14.

8. Having obtained faith and virtue, for what must we diligently seek? 2 Peter 1:5; Colossians 2:2,3.

soon return? Luke 18:8.

12. Who only will meet God's full requirements? Revelation 14:12.

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Lesson for December 23.

### PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Scripture Reading: Psalms 66:13-20.

Memory Verse: Psalms 6:9.

1. Does the Lord hear the prayers of His people? Proverbs 15:29.

2. Will He hear our prayers when we knowingly remain in disobedience? Proverbs 28:9.

3. What can we obtain through prayer? Matthew 21:22.

4. What does Christ say about the pretense of prayer? Matthew 23:14.

5. What good examples are we given to follow in Acts 1:14 and 6:4?

6. How often are we to go before the Lord in prayer? Ephesians 6:18; also read Romans 12:12 and Colossians 4:2.

7. What are we to do if a brother or sister is going through a trial? Acts 12:5.

8. How important is a prayer of faith? James 5:15.

9. How can we daily edify, uplift, and see to

finished work of grace, before the climax comes. Romans 11:12.

10. Why were the Jews cut off, and when is blindness to pass from them? Romans 11:20-25.

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Lesson for November 11.

### DEVOTION AND CONSECRATION

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1.

Memory Verse; 1 Peter 2:23.

1. Does God expect His people to sacrifice in His service in this age? Romans 12:1.

2. Did the Lord give a command to the Levites by Hezekiah? What was this command? 2 Chronicles 29:5-11.

3. What was their attitude toward this call to service? 2 Chronicles 29:15-19.

4. Did the Levites make any consecration to God? 2 Chronicles 29:30-32.

5. Were their prayers affected by this consecration? 2 Chronicles 30:26,27.

6. In what way are we to glorify our Heavenly Father? 1 Corinthians 6:20.

7. What did the Lord promise would enter and abide within us, after our bodies were cleansed and free from sin? 2 Corinthians 6:19.

8. What did Paul say of his body?

Lesson for October 14.

### YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3.

Memory Verse: John 3:3.

1. what did the prophet Malachi say about the messenger who would announce the Lord? What would the Lord Jesus do when He came? Malachi 3:1-3.

2. What does Isaiah prophesy concerning this one that was chosen to prepare the way for earth's long awaited Redeemer? Isaiah 40:3.

3. When this messenger of whom the prophets spoke came, what was the burden of his message? Matthew 3:1-3.

**NOTE:** His The people who came to John the Baptist desiring to be baptized didn't only accept the truth, but they felt sorry for their sins and repented and confessed to God. Those who refused to give up their former sins were turned away.

4. What did John the Baptist have to say about Jesus, for whom he was preparing the way? Matthew 3:10-12.

5. Shortly after Jesus commenced His ministry, who came unto Him? What did he say? John 3:1,2.

**NOTE:** Could it be possible that Nicodemus was ashamed to be seen in the presence of Jesus,

Philippians 1:20.

9. What did this consecration of Christ Jesus lead Him to do? Philippians 2:5-8.

10. What must each one who belongs to Christ possess? Romans 8:9.

11. When we are fully consecrated, will we answer the call? Isaiah 6:8.

12. Was the life of Christ one of service? Matthew 20:27,28; Luke 22:27.

13. How is sanctification and consecration perfected? Romans 15:16; John 17:17,18.

14. Is it to be complete? 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

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Lesson for November 18.

### MURMURING

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-11.

Memory Verses: Philippians 2:14,15.

1. After God had so wonderfully delivered the children of Israel from the Egyptians and brought them through the Red Sea, what did they do? Numbers 14:2-4.

2. Were they satisfied with what God had given them to eat? Numbers 11:4-6.

3. Was God pleased with their murmuring? How did He punish them? Numbers 11:1.

and therefore chose to come by night, when the danger of being seen by his unbelieving friends would be less? This compares with people in this day and age who have heard about the Lord, but are afraid to confess Him, in the presence of their worldly friends.

6. How did Jesus reply to Nicodemus? John 3:3.

7. When Nicodemus didn't understand the new birth and said "How can these things be?" what did Jesus reply? John 3:10-12.

8. How necessary did Jesus say that the new birth is? John 3:5-8.

9. What else does the Holy Writ of God say about the new birth? John 1:12,13; 1 Peter 1:23.

10. For what purpose was the Son of God manifested? 1 John 3:5-9.

**NOTE:** Purification (Christ within us) and remaining true through trials and tests, is our only security, assurance and strength.

11. In Daniel's prophecies of the ending of this age, what two classes of people are mentioned? Daniel 12:10.

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Lesson for October 21.

### PRAYER

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-21.

Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

4. What further terrible punishment was brought upon the children of Israel because of this sin? Numbers 14:26-30.

5. How many men of the children of Israel left the land of Egypt? Exodus 12:37.

**NOTE:** There were six hundred thousand men of Israel when they left the land of Egypt. Out of this great number only two that were above the age of 20 years were allowed to enter the Promised Land. The rest all died in the wilderness. Thus we see the terrible punishment that they received.

6. Is it right for people to complain about living conditions today? 1 Corinthians 10:10.

7. While speaking of Israel, what important thing does Paul bring to our minds? 1 Corinthians 10:6,11.

8. What further instruction does Paul give to us and why? Philippians 2:14,15.

**NOTE:** Complaining (murmuring) has no place in the life of a Christian. We live to bring forth praise to our Creator. Praise and murmuring are opposites.

9. What should never be found in our conversation, and what should be the condition of our daily life at all times? Hebrews 13:5; 1 Timothy 6:6-8.

10. If we have the Lord as our guide, what will be the condition of our hearts? Psalms 16:6,9.

if the blood had been applied to the door posts of the houses. It is not enough today to know that Christ lived and died, for every individual must avail himself of the sacrifice He made for them.

4. In by gone days, why was the Word not profitable to the Children of Israel? Hebrews 4:2.

5. How did an Israelite show faith in an atonement by shedding of blood? Leviticus 4:27-30.

6. What Bible definition is given for faith? Hebrews 11:1

7. How many possess this faith? Romans 12:3.

8. For what do many clamor, that shows an inward lack of faith? John 6:30.

9. Before we shall see the glory of God, what must we do? John 11:40.

**NOTE:** Jesus could have spoken the word and the stone would have moved away under divine control, but He chose to use human power as far as possible. His request in (John 11:39), uncovered the lack of faith in the heart of Martha. After human hand had reached its limit (John 11:41), He called on the Father to do what human power could not do; give life to a dead body. Spiritually speaking, God alone can raise us from spiritual death and decay.

10. Why did Jesus commend the centurion above the others? Matthew 8:5-10.

11. What leads us to believe that Christ will