

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Teaching

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." – Albert Einstein

"Knowledge exists to be imparted." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

"A wise teacher makes learning a joy." – Anonymous

"Men learn while they teach." – Seneca

"You never stop learning. If you have a teacher, you never stop being a student." – Elisabeth Rohm

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food" (Heb. 5:12).

The implication of the Hebrew writer is that after some time in study, and in Christian living, a person should be able to impart knowledge and practical application to another individual. The whole process of Christianity is imparting knowledge to others so that there are more followers of Christ. Remember our Lord's admonition to the His disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen" (Matt. 28:19-20).

The sad reality is that the Hebrew writer reveals that there were Christians who were woefully inadequate to impart anything of benefit to other people. In fact, it was so bad, they needed to be taught the most basic, most fundamental aspects of the Gospel, as they had apparently forgotten what they were taught in the past.

The concept of teaching or instructing, is something which should certainly be found in the home. Remember God's admonition revealed by Moses to Israel, "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deut. 6:6-7).

There is an aspect to this that we need to remember. We must ourselves always remain teachable. That is a fundamental aspect of humility. We have to admit that we continuously need to be of the mindset that there is more than we can learn. No matter how long you have been a Christian, no matter what you may have attained in schools of higher learning, you have not arrived at a level of complete knowledge. But even so, at least be willing to teach others.

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2).