

## “HIM THAT IS TAUGHT IN THE WORD”

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Are you aware that you have God-given responsibility to “*him that teacheth*”? This writing calls attention to the oft neglected command recorded in Galatians 6:6, “*Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.*”

**COMMUNICATE.** The word “*communicate*” means to make oneself a sharer or partner; to make another’s necessities one’s own as to relieve them (Rom. 12:13; 15:27; Phil. 4:14-15). There is fellowship between the teacher and the taught, in that there is giving and receiving on both ends. The teacher shares his knowledge of the word, and the one who has been taught shares his material goods with the teacher.

**IN ALL GOOD THINGS.** The expression “*in all good things*” is equal to “*carnal things*” in Romans 15:27 and 1 Corinthians 9:11. It refers to material things (possessions; treasures). The word “*all*”, being a whole amount, shows the extent to which the taught is to share with the teacher. As the teacher keeps back nothing that is profitable (Acts 20:20), there is nothing the taught is not willing to give up or do for the

good of the teacher.

**DEBTOR AND DUTY.** With reference to the contribution of them of Macedonia and Achaia for the Jerusalem saints, “*It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things*” (Rom. 15:27). As the saints of Macedonia and Achaia were indebted and obligated to the Jerusalem saints, so him that is taught in the word is a debtor and has duty to him that teacheth (1 Cor. 9:11). Does it please you verily to communicate to him that teacheth in all good things?

**WILLING.** 1 Timothy 6:18 teaches, “*willing to communicate.*” “*Willing*” means favorably inclined; cheerfully done. Some want the teacher to “*gladly spend and be spent*” for them (2 Cor. 12:15), but want to do as little as possible for him. Such is hypocritical and displays a bad attitude at best!

**SACRIFICES.** Hebrews 13:16 says, “*But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*” Paul described the Philippians’ communicating as “*a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God*” (Phil. 4:18). Can such be said of us?

## “A MILLION FROGS!”

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“A farmer came into town and asked the owner of a restaurant if he could use a million frog legs. Naturally, being rather shocked, he asked the farmer where he could get so many. The farmer replied, ‘There is a pond near my house that is full of frog legs. They croak night and day and are about to drive me crazy.’ Finally an agreement was made for the farmer to bring several hundred frog legs in the following week. A week later the farmer returned, looking rather sheepish, with two scrawny little frogs. He told the proprietor, ‘I was mistaken. There were only these two frogs in that whole pond. But they sure were making a lot of noise.’

**Lesson:** The next time you hear a lot of sniping about the elders, the preacher, some member or members, or the church in general, remember this story. It is probably no more than a couple of chronic grouches who having nothing more to do than croak.”

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**“Do all things without  
murmurings and disputings”**

—PHILIPPIANS 2:14

***“LET IT NOT BE ONCE  
NAMED AMONG YOU, AS  
BECOMETH SAINTS”***

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These are the words Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:3. Paul is writing to “*the faithful in Christ Jesus*” (1:1). He tells them to be “*followers of God*” and “*walk in love...but fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God*” (Eph. 5:1-5). This is an important text as it deals with a person’s inheritance in the kingdom!

**FORNICATION.** Fornication is often condemned in Scripture (Rom. 1:29; 1 Cor. 6:18; 10:8; Gal. 5:19; Col. 3:5; 1 Th. 4:3). This is “illicit sexual intercourse.” This would include homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, or any sex outside of Scriptural marriage

(Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 7:2).

**ALL UNCLEANNESS.**

Uncleanness has always been forbidden as the Lord’s people are to be holy (1 Th. 4:7). All uncleanness is suggestive of anything or all that is unclean, impure, that defiles. It is used in a moral sense of “Lustful, luxurious, profligate living.” This would condemn wildly reckless behavior, wasteful living, licentious activity, and a lack of restraint. Especially the indulgence in things that are immoral, such as drinking or sensuality.

**COVETOUSNESS.** Verse 5 shows a covetous man is an idolater. “*Covetousness, which is idolatry*” is among the things to be mortified (Col. 3:5). It is defined as “greedy desire to have more.” “*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee*” (Heb. 13:5).

**FILTHINESS.** Filthiness is to be cleansed (2 Cor. 7:1) and laid apart (Jas. 1:21). This is used of anything that is contrary to purity. If it isn’t pure, it is filthy.

Defined as “Obscenity, shameful, disgraceful”, this would condemn any behavior, speech, thought, dress, etc. that is indecent, immoral, lewd, impure, shameful, or obscene.

**FOOLISH TALKING.**

According to Vine’s this “denotes more than mere idle talk but is talk which is foolishness and sin together.” It is “silly talk, talk that is ridiculous but amusing, foolish and senseless talk.”

**JESTING.** “*Jesting*” or “course jesting” has to do with jokes and joking. It is crude joking. This would include attempts to elicit laughs through the use of baser, inappropriate, lewd means. This would condemn jokes, making light of, or trying to get a laugh out of things that are sexual or sensual, foul language, jokes that are rude or demeaning to others, obscene, dirty, or inappropriate.

Let these things not be once named among us! No saint has any business taking part in, enjoying, or tolerating anything that would fall under any of these principles.

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