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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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“YE OUGHT TO BE...”

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Hebrews 5:12 says, *“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers....”* From each letter in the word “teachers”, this writing suggests the kind of teachers ye ought to be.

TACTFUL. Tact is skill and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues. *“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver”* (Prov. 25:11). *“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man”* (Col. 4:6).

ENTHUSIASTIC. The Lord told Ezekiel, *“...Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say...”* (Ezek. 6:11). *“Philip ran thither”* to teach the traveling treasurer in Acts 8:30! Can you expect your student(s) to be enthused about learning, if you’re not enthused about teaching?

ABLE. Teaching requires ability. It is written, *“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach...”* (2 Tim. 2:24). Peter penned, *“...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” (1 Pet. 4:11). Every Christian should strive to be the best teacher possible.

CARING. They won’t care how much you know, till they know how much you care! Some do not seem to care if their students are in class or not, if they learn or not, if they obey or not, if they grow or not. Do you remember what came upon Paul daily? *“...the care of all the churches”* (2 Cor. 11:28). Paul cared! Do folks know that you care?

HUMBLE. Some are good at self-promotion. If you don’t think they are great, just ask them...they will tell you how great they are. Humility is having a deep sense of one’s littleness. Don’t be a know-it-all. More than likely, there’s a lot more that you don’t know than you do! *“...before honour is humility”* (Prov. 15:33). Paul said, *“Serving the Lord with all humility of mind...”* (Acts 20:19). We are to *“...be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble”* (1 Pet. 5:5).

EXEMPLARY. We cannot expect those we teach to do any better than we do! To be the proper example, we must practice what we preach. *“Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou*

steal?” (Rom. 2:21). Paul wrote Timothy, *“...be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity”* (1 Tim. 4:12). What kind of example is it when you teach *“seek first the kingdom”* (Mt. 6:33) and then you’re out on the golf course instead of worshipping God with the saints on the Lord’s day?

RESPECTFUL. Teachers need great respect for the Bible as the word of God. Great respect for the law of the Lord is expressed in Psalm 119: *“Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments”* (v. 6). *“I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways”* (v. 15). *“...I will have respect unto thy statutes continually”* (v. 117). This respect will be shown in how one handles the word of the Lord.

SOUND. *“But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine”* (Titus 2:1). There is a need for distinctive teaching. *“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?”* (1 Cor. 14:7-8). There are many uncertain sounds being trumpeted today. If you’re not going to speak sound doctrine, then don’t speak!

Let’s be the kind of teachers “ye ought to be”.

ONE OF THE GREATEST STATEMENTS IN THE BIBLE

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John 3:16 contains one of the greatest statements in the Bible. It says, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* From this great statement we learn about:

THE GREATEST PERSON.

God is the 4th word in the Bible. *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"* (Gen. 1:1). *"In Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also His offspring"* (Acts 17:28). Psalm 147:5 says, *"Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure."* Jeremiah 32:17, *"Ah Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you."*

THE GREATEST LOVE.

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 Jn. 4:9-10). The Lord said, *"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for His friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you"* (Jn. 15:12-14). Are you the Lord's friend?

THE GREATEST GIFT.

Have you considered all that God has given? He gave us life (Gen. 2:7), His inspired Word (2 Tim. 3:16), and He gave the greatest gift: His only begotten Son. In Him we may have the hope of eternal life! (Titus 1:2; 1 Jn. 5:11).

THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED.

"Whosoever" means "each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything." No one is left out of the word *"whosoever."* What a great blessing that

"Whosoever" may *"take the Water of life freely"* (Rev. 22:17). Will you? (Jn. 5:40).

THE GREATEST PLAN FOR SAVING MAN.

"Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is not teaching "faith alone" (Jas. 2:24). "Believe" is a comprehensive term. We learn that hearing the word of God, repentance, and baptism are involved in "believing" from Acts 16:31-34. We must also confess the Lord Jesus (Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37).

THE GREATEST REWARD.

The greatest reward is everlasting life. This is not unconditional! *"Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* This life is *"In His Son"* (1 Jn. 5:11). Are you in Christ? *"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ"* (Gal. 3:27). Outside of Christ, there is *"no hope"* (Eph. 2:12). Once in Christ you must abide in Him (Jn 15), being faithful to the very taking of your life (Rev. 2:10). Then, and only then, can you receive the greatest reward of everlasting life! What a great statement in the Bible!

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