

The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit

This week we examine the gifted leader of the Church called a Teacher. While a pastor certainly must be able to teach (1Timothy 3:2), there are others who are gifted to teach, but who are not called to be a pastor.

1) The teacher

*“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and **teachers**...”
Ephesians 4:11*

How is the ministry of a teacher *different* than that of a pastor?

Can you think of anyone in the Bible who was a teacher, but not a pastor or an apostle?

2) The work and responsibility of the teacher

A quick overview of scripture reveals that teaching is an important part of God’s ministry to His people as seen in these verses:

Moses taught the people...

*“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may **teach** them.” ~ Exodus 24:12*

Jesus taught the people...

*“And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.” ~ Matthew 4:23*

The disciples taught the people...

*“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease **teaching** and preaching Jesus as the Christ.” ~ Acts 5:42*

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Paul encouraged Timothy to teach the people...

*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for **instruction** in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

2Timothy 3:16-17

*"I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and **teaching**. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves **teachers**; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."*

2Timothy 4:1-4

According to the apostle Paul why is teaching so important to the Church?

In the context of the scriptures we've looked at; what should a teacher, teach?

According to Paul's instructions to Timothy (2Tim. 4:1-4) what are the characteristics of people who reject good teaching?

Why do these people reject sound doctrine?

4) A warning to the saints

*"My brethren, let not many of you become **teachers**, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment."*

James 3:1

Based on all of the scriptures you've looked at this evening why will teachers receive a stricter judgment?