

The Bulletin

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“"YE OUGHT TO BE..."

By John Edwards

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"* (Proverbs 25:11).

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." (Colossians 4:6).



ENTHUSIASTIC.

The Lord told Ezekiel, *"...Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say..."* (Ezekiel 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 Timothy 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 Corinthians 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" (Proverbs 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 Peter 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?"* (Romans 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 Timothy 4:12).

What kind of example is it when you teach *"seek first the kingdom"* (Matthew 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 Corinthians 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".

“EVIL SURMISING”

By Joe R. Price

Evil surmising is thinking the worst of somebody. That is a pretty good way to define evil surmising in everyday language. Surmise is defined by the lexicons "to suppose, conjecture, suspect" (Vine, I:284; Thayer, 644; Moulton, 418). The Greek-English Interlinear by George R. Berry translates the word *huponoia* in 1 Timothy 6:4 as "wicked suspicions" (the NKJV translates it as "evil suspicions").

It conjures up, by way of conjecture, evil and injurious suspicions against another person. According to 1 Timothy 6:4, evil surmising is the product of pride and obsession over disputes and arguments. Its companions are envy, strife, reviling, and wrangling (1 Timothy 6:4-5). Without question, evil surmising is a divisive, destructive sin.

Sometimes we are tempted to think badly of others. We should not, but we judge a person's motives, charge him with evil purposes, and impugn his character based on nothing more than conjecture and suspicion. Such sin is "evil surmising." It is assuming an evil motive, attitude, and/or character upon a person without adequate evidence or accurate information. "Why did she say that?" and "Why did he do that?" fill our head, and before we know it, we answer ourselves by unjustly assigning an evil intention to the person. We must abstain from this evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

Jesus said, *"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment"* (John 7:24). We must be careful not to make a judgment about a person, thing, or event unless and until we have the proper information from which to make a "righteous judgment."

The next time you wonder why someone said or did something, instead of letting evil suspicion form your decision about that person, do what Jesus commands and judge righteously.

If it involves a personal issue between you and another, go directly to that person to verify the facts and resolve every sin and disagreement in a godly way. Reconcile and, if necessary, exhort and warn the person of his sin (Matthew 5:21-26; 18:15; Galatians 5:13-15).

If it is a public matter, get the correct information and, when necessary, withstand the sinner publicly to save him and others (Galatians 2:11-14).

Do not carry around wicked suspicions of others in your heart. To do so reveals prideful arrogance that damages your relationship with God and the one you ought to love as yourself (Galatians 5:14). Holding on to evil suspicions results in a bitter heart (Ephesians 4:31-32).

Do not be naïve, but give others the benefit of the doubt whenever possible. Such an act of love overcomes the sin of evil surmising (1 Corinthians 13:5).

Those Who Need Our Prayers & Encouragement:

Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Daniel Holloway, Debbie Keplinger, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, Nathan Cox, Sandra Oliver, Chad Harris, Eli Johnson, Jamie Jones, Mary Ann Holley, LuAnne Parrish, Robert Howard, Billy Grisham, Fred Johnson, Burt Ward, & Wesley Trimble.

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer: Blake Briggs
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #1: “Comparing The Ark And The Church”

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:

Workbook: Fred Johnson
Author: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
Starting Page & Question: Herschel Patton
Page 73, Question #6

Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements: Doug George
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading: Doug George
Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:18-25
Song Leader: Dan Cottrell
Lord’s Supper: Paul Busby
Assisting: — —
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #2: “Mother— The Heart Of The Home”
Closing Prayer: Tim Harris Sr.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.

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Auditorium Bible Class: Paul Busby
Workbook: The Book Of Daniel
Author: By Daniel H. King
Starting Page & Question: Page #74, Question #6
Invitation: Paul Johnson
Song Leader: Brian Meade
Closing Prayer: Blake Briggs

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“Comparing the Ark And The Church”

Lesson Text: **Hebrews 11:6-7.**

I. The Story Of Noah And The Ark.

- **Genesis 6:1-7.**
- Man Chose To Sin Continually; Corrupted Themselves By Their Actions.
- **Genesis 6:8.** But Noah Found “Grace” “Favor.”
- Why The Favor? **Genesis 6:9-12.** Contrast Of Choices...
- God’s Plan For The Ark- **Genesis 6:13-22.** Noah Fully Completed It.
- **The Ark:**
 1. One Designer— God (**vs. 14-16**).
 2. One Material— Gopher Wood (**vs. 14**).
 3. One Light Source— One Window (**vs. 16**).
 4. One Entrance—The One Door (**vs. 16**).
 5. One Household— Noah’s Family (**vs. 18**).
 6. One Hope— Physical Life (**Hebrews 11:7**).
 7. One Destruction—By Water (**7:17-22**).
 8. One Refuge— The Ark (**7:23-24**).

II. The Story Of Jesus And The Church.

- **Matthew 16:18-19.**
- Why Was The Church Needed? **John 3:14-17.**
- To Fulfill Man’s Greatest Need— Forgiveness- **Galatians 3:19.**
- **The Church:**
 1. One Designer— God (**Ephesians 3:9-11**).
 2. One Material— “Living Stones” (**1 Peter 2:5**).
 3. One Light— The Word (**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**).
 4. One Entrance— Christ (**John 10:9; 14:6**).
 5. One Household— God’s (**Ephesians 2:17-22**).
 6. One Hope— Eternal Life (**Ephesians 4:4-6; Titus 1:2**).
 7. One Destruction— By Fire (**2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 20:12-15**).
 8. One Refuge— The Church (**Hebrews 6:17-20**).

Conclusion:

No One Listened To Noah- **2 Peter 2:4-5.**

Are Any Listening Today?

“Mother— The Heart Of The Home”

Lesson Text: **Genesis 2:18-25.**

I. The Woman’s Role In The Home.

- **Genesis 2:18**, God Designed Her To Be A “Help Meet” “Helper” “Companion.”
 - God Didn’t Make Another Man, But Someone “*Who Corresponds To Him.*” (NET).
 - The Way God Designed Her To Perfectly Compliment & Complete Her Husband.
 - Men Are Rugged Providers (Masculinity)— Women Are Soft Nurturers (Femininity).
 - Men Are Generally Less Emotional, Open About Their Feelings, Not As Empathetic.
 - But Women Are..., And Give Heart To The Home!
 - “Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus.” (Book by John Gray).
- She Lovingly Submits To Her Husband’s Leadership.
 - **Genesis 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:3.**
 - But Work Together- **1 Peter 3:7; Proverbs 1:8-9.**

II. The Mother’s Heart.

- **To Her Husband.**
 - **Titus 2:4.**
 - **Proverbs 31:10-12.**
 - **Proverbs 31:23.** Behind Every Good Man, Is A Great Woman!
- **To Her Children.**
 - **Titus 2:4.**
 - It’s Why She Lovingly Sacrifices For Their Needs.
 - **Proverbs 31:15 & 21.**
 - **1 Timothy 2:15** “*Saved In Child-bearing.*”
- **To Her Responsibilities.**
 - Duties Of The Home- **1 Timothy 5:14.**
 - Paul’s Warning To Not Fail Their Duties- **1 Timothy 5:13.**
 - Her First Priority Is To The Home. (Orderly Arranged, Clean, Needs Met....).
- **To Her Lord Jesus Christ.**
 - She Is A Godly Example- **1 Peter 3:1-2.**
 - She Teaches Her Children About God- **2 Timothy 3:15; 2 Timothy 1:5.**
- **One Of The Great Tragedies Of Our Time:**
 - Children Growing Up Without A Loving Mother!
 - **2 Timothy 3:1-3.**

III. The Results Of A Loving Mother.

- Her Husband Is Happy And Contented.
- Her Home Is A Place Of Refuge And Comfort; A Woman’s Touch.
- Her Children Follow In Her Wisdom And Kindness- **Proverbs 31:26.**
- **Proverbs 31:28-31.**