

Becoming the Best Teacher/Preacher that I can!

1. Be passionate about what you are teaching. The best lesson taught without passion lacks life, seems dry, makes people not want to listen or learn
 - a. It means you have to **pray** about it till you are certain God is going to help you
 - b. It means you have to **study** till you are sure that you are going to explode with the truth
 - c. You have to think of how these truths are going to change their lives so much that you get really excited about what you are going to be teaching
2. Passion without substance is a waste of time and energy.
 - a. We are tempted to take short cuts on our study and preparation
 - b. Help them learn the Bible
 - c. Teach them the books of the Bible
 - d. Have them learn memory verses and teach them what they are about
 - e. Teach them how to find books in the Bible

- f. Teach them tricks or tools for using their Bibles
- g. Explain the concordance, cross references, underlining, marking their Bibles

3. Teach them Bible Study principles

- a. The point is to teach them to study on their own
- b. They must become self feeding Christians
- c. The harmony of the Scriptures
- d. Context
- e. Parallel passages
- f. First, progressive, and full mention
- g. How Scripture interprets itself
- h. How to recognize different types of literature, figurative, literal, etc
- i. Teach them to ask the right questions
 - i. Who is he talking to
 - ii. Is this to an individual or to a nation
 - iii. What is the message of the story
- j. Teach them that the Bible is to interpreted by the same rules and principles that we use with any literature
 - i. Take everything literally until there is reason to do otherwise

- ii. Look up the meaning of words
 - k. Teach them that no doctrine stands on one isolated verse
 - l. Teach them to look for an application once they have figured out what He is saying
 - m. Teach them to interpret the unclear by what is clear in the Bible
4. Good teaching means listening to see if they are getting it
- a. That means you want some response in the class
 - b. It means that you learn to ask questions
 - c. Give tests though you do not give tests
 - d. Good teaching means caring that they learn the greatest truths of all time
5. Good teaching is becoming a mentor
- a. That means helping them learn why they should learn
 - b. It means being there outside of class
 - c. It means that they know that they can call you
 - d. It means living life together
 - e. It means having fun, crying together, being their pastor