



NEIGHBOURHOOD BIBLE STUDIES



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PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING!

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1 - Be on Time Always

There is nothing worse than a teacher being late. Any **pastor or teacher** who comes rushing in even a little bit late does not help the students by his example. When pre-arrangements have been made to come in late after a song service or initial speaker, that is fine. **In the Neighborhood Bible Study however, the teacher cannot be late for he is leading the meeting.** It is a poor example, a poor habit and a sign of a poorly organized person to be habitually late. Try to be at the service a few minutes early rather a few minutes late. Organize your time, wisely.

11 - Know Your Subject

Be Well Informed – It won't help much if you are on time, If you do not know your subject. **Spend time in Bible Study, meditation and research.** Do not be like the man who was so concerned in reaching the King with the message that he ran all the way there, only to be

embarrassed because he had no message. He had run very swiftly, beating the official messenger; his motives were true and his purposes honorable but he had no message to deliver. **Let us be absolutely sure we have a message to deliver.** The Bible says, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15).

111 - Be Relaxed

When you are prepared you will be both **relaxed** and **confident**. If a teacher has prepared his lesson well, he will be happy and in a **good mood**. The presence will be off; He will not be edgy but will exude confidence, and his actions will set the tone for the teaching session. Teachers who are nervous and uptight tend to bring that atmosphere into the group. **If the teacher is cool and confident, that atmosphere will persuade the students.** The preacher or teacher sets the tone of the meeting. This is so true with Weddings, funerals and special events also.

1V – Take Plenty Of Time

Don't rush through your lesson. **Cover all the bases.** If some do not understand a certain truth, take time to **reiterate and review**. Let your time be worthwhile and your fellowship rich. Do not substitute quantity for quality! **Teach the lesson, do not read it.** Even if you cannot finish the lesson completely conclude the chain of thought you were dealing with. Some lessons need to be divided into 2 or more sessions.

V – Leave Time Open for Questions

Our Neighbourhood Bible Study are times of **sharing as well as learning**. In every group there will be some very alert people who have inquisitive minds and who are **studious, informed and articulate**. They must be encouraged to give their viewpoint and to get involved in the

discussions. In a question and answer situation, there is also the danger of the meeting going out of control of the teacher and getting onto a side track. **Each question must be dealt with quickly and sensibly and then the teacher must direct the lesson back on the theme again.** If questions are asked for which you do not have the answer just simply state, Please write that question down on paper for me. I'll have the answer next week." **This buys you time to get the answer from the pastor or through further research.** Don't be embarrassed, No one has all the answers in their head at all times! It's not always how much you know but how readily you are able to find the answer and available is your research material.

V11 – Take Time to Prayer

It is so necessary that you reserve time for praise and prayer and worship. **Prayer is one of the most important routes we can take in solving of any problem.** "Faith is the key to the Kingdom of God but prayer unlocks the door." It has been said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams about! How true. Jesus taught His disciples to pray. He admonished them to "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation." (Matt. 26: 41) St. Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thess. 5:17) Prayer is an **attitude**; prayer is also an act!

What Should We Pray About?

- 1** - For **guidance** by the Holy Spirit.
- 2** - For the **anointing** of the Blessed Holy Spirit In unction and power.
- 3** - For divine **wisdom** and spiritual **gifts**.
- 4** - For precious **souls** to be drawn by the Holy Spirit to the Church.
- 5** - For dedicated Christians to get **stirred up for Christ**. And become **active** in reaching out to others who need God.
- 6** - For an outpouring of **Compassion and Love** on God's people everywhere but especially those in leadership in the church.

7- For a Spirit of generosity to come upon God's people until we will all give out of our love to God and His Work; **Help us to give sacrificially, joyfully and with faith. To give of our substance, time, ability, talent and finances in order to bless his people and help establish His Kingdom.**
Amen.