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Introduction. Teaching is more than just providing information, it is _____ the students for learning and motivating them to want to learn.

Teaching meets needs that are _____ [*intellectual*: sharing information and helping to process it], affective [*emotional*: helping to care about it, motivating, encouraging], and behavioral [showing what to do with it].

Ephesians 4.11-15. Gifted pastors and teachers help each person become spiritually _____.

Part of that is equipping the *saints* – which means *every* _____ – to do the work of the ministry. [See 1 Corinthians 1.2.] When you came to faith in Christ, you were consecrated [or dedicated] for God's purposes by the Holy Spirit through the blood of Christ, so *you* are a saint!

God wants you to grow into a _____ of his word! The pastor-elders and other teachers will help equip you for the work of the ministry, preparing you to take on this role.

Matthew 28.19-20. The original disciples were to reproduce, making more _____, by bringing people to faith in Christ, baptizing them into the church, then teaching them to obey everything Jesus had taught them. This included the command to make disciples, so this command is for all followers of Christ.

As disciples [followers] of Christ, we are to be God's _____-bearers, reflecting his character, representing him in our lives, ruling [being his stewards] on the earth, and reproducing his image in others.

Genesis 1.27-28. Spiritual _____ is very much like God's original design for parenting!

2 Timothy 2.2. God's plan is that someone teaches us and then we teach _____ people who will be able to then teach still others, so that this spiritual reproduction continues, and God's truth gets handed down from generation to generation.

Even the brand new believer can teach one spiritual thing: the _____!

Hebrews 5.11-14. The believing recipients of the letter had not grown to become _____ as they should have by then. They were still depending on others to feed them the basics.

Colossians 3.16. If the Word of Christ _____ in you, you will join us in teaching, exhorting, and singing, all with grace in your heart!

1 Corinthians 12.28-31. Paul was talking about _____, and how not everyone has any particular one of them.

Even if you do not have the gift of teaching, there still is great _____ in teaching God's word to someone else.

Even if you do not have the gift of teaching, you still have an _____ to teach as part of making disciples, just as you must show mercy and offer hospitality even if you do not have those gifts.

James 3.1. James was arguing true faith is backed up by good _____. He went on to argue that we can cause sin and trouble with what we say. James was exhorting his fellow believers not to let hardships deter them from spiritual life and service.

In this verse, he was chiding them not to become teachers if they could not bridle their _____.

Conclusion. If you are not ready to teach, get _____ getting ready!

If you are a teacher, commit to _____ training, working in cooperation with other teachers, and accepting guidance from ministry leaders.

Prepare well to teach! Start with _____ for your students, about the scripture passage and lesson, and about your role as teacher. Then you have to put in some hours of studying, thinking and creating, writing, and practicing. And then you have to share God's truth with God's love.

It is ok to specialize. Pray and think about to _____ you would like to minister: children, youth, young adults, older adults, recovering addicts, elderly shut-ins, or some other group.

Needs for children: curriculum researchers to help us find good material to teach; once-per-month teachers for Sunday morning [and willing substitutes]; female GEMS leaders; men willing to work with boys to start Stockade [the Christian Service Brigade program for boys in third through fifth grades].

Needs for youth: curriculum developers to help us research and write material for Sunday school; a young woman teacher to pair with Matt for Sunday school; event coordinators for our monthly fun large group events; female leaders for GEMS [or maybe a small group]; male leaders for CSB; several men willing to teach a particular skill or activity for a four-week period at CSB.

Needs for adults: apprentice leaders for our small groups [to be trained to become small group leaders in the future]; mentors for new believers and new members; Sunday school teachers; people to visit, pray with, and encourage shut-ins and hospital patients; a young adults event coordinator; what else???

Scripture guides us to three key relationships [see graphic below]. _____ [building up] one another involves having a people ministry and a task ministry, both teaching and serving. So start praying and thinking about how you can be involved in the ministry of the church!

