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Animals

Duties of the ministry Part 5 Teach

Teaching is a vital part of the work of the gospel minister. Nearly everything he does in his ministry involves teaching. One of the qualifications of a gospel minister is that he must be apt to teach. There are many ways to teach. The gospel minister should be prepared to teach even as the Lord gave us an example when he walked in humanity upon the earth. The Lord taught through preaching, he taught through group teaching, he taught through individual instruction, and he taught by example. Moreover, through the Holy Spirit he has taught us in the written word. If we follow his example we will teach through preaching, through group teaching, through individual instruction, by example, and by written means as I am attempting to do in this writing.

The following verses teach us both the duty of the gospel ministry and need for teaching:

1. Matt. 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
2. Acts 5:42 “And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”
3. 1 Cor. 4:17 “For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.”
4. 1 Cor. 14:19 “Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.”
5. 1 Tim. 3:2 “A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;”
6. 1 Tim. 6:2 “And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.”