

A Sunday School Teacher

I. TEACHING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL IS A CALLING

A. In the church, there are different ministries.



Rom. 12:6-8

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."



1 Cor. 12:27-31

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts."



Eph. 4:11-12

"So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

B. God, Himself, chooses, calls, and anoints believers in His service.



Mark 3:13-14

"Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach."



Isa. 6:8

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"



Jer. 1:4-5

"The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵ 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'"

**Acts 9:15**

“But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.”

- C. The Sunday School Teacher should be chosen, called, and appointed by God to this ministry.

- D. How can you tell that you are called?

**Rom. 9:2**

“I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.”

1. Ap. Paul was heavy hearted for his brothers (the Israelites).
2. You will also feel a burden and pain in your heart for children.
3. When called, you will become strengthened in difficulties.
4. God will provide for you everything you need in your work.
5. You love children.
6. You have passion for the children’s ministry.

II. WHAT IS A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER LIKE?

A. Good qualities to look for:

1. Loves children.
2. Inspires confidence among parents and church leaders.
3. Lives an exemplary life.
4. Spiritually and mentally stable.
5. Is an adult (Teenagers, ages 11-15, can be helpers, but the class should not be left entirely in their charge.)
6. Works firstly for God.
7. Is faithful and trustworthy.
8. Hard worker (Doesn’t slack.)
9. Steadfast. (Will endure hardships.)
10. Works in a team. (Cooperates with others.)



B. Qualities to be cautious of:

1. Bossiness
2. Uncooperative. Not a team player.
3. Mentally or spiritually immature.
4. Mentally or spiritually unstable.
5. Gossiper.



III. A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SHOULD PROGRESS & GROW

- A. How should you progress and grow in ministry?
 1. Reading and studying the Bible diligently.
 2. Teaching and working hard to get practical experience.
 3. Attending Sunday School seminars and courses, whenever possible.
 4. Asking advice of more experienced teachers or preachers.
 5. Taking care of your own spiritual life and growing spiritually.
 - Reading the Bible
 - Praying Daily
 - Attending Church
 - Fellowship with other Christians
 - Telling others, the Good News of Jesus Christ

- B. A Sunday School Teacher should be an example.
 1. You should grow as you expect your students to grow.
 2. Even others will be able to notice it.
 3. Your person, your life, and your actions speak more loudly than your words.

IV. WHAT SHOULD BE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & THE CHURCH

- A. Sunday School is one ministry of the church.

- B. Lack or no cooperation of Sunday School teachers and leaders of the church
 1. Children will not grow to be active members of the church.
 2. Sunday School will not get help or support of the congregation.
 3. Harvest might be left in the field.
(Oftentimes, teachers are sowers and pastors/preachers are reapers.)

- C. How to maintain a good relationship with the leaders of the church

- D. Build a bridge for the children to the church

V. HOW TO FIND NEW TEACHERS

- A. Inform church about the need for Sunday School teachers.
- B. Have a training program to train new teachers.
- C. Teach parents (through pastor or parent seminar) about the importance of Sunday School/ Children's/Youth ministry.
- D. Pray for God to send you workers.



Matt. 9:36-38

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"

"Those who follow Jesus' commandment entirely ... will find the burden they must bear to be light. ... They will receive the strength to walk the right path without becoming weary.... Where will the call to discipleship lead those who follow it? ... We must take this question to him who alone knows the answer. Only Jesus Christ, who bids us follow him, knows where the path will lead. But we know that it will be a path full of mercy beyond measure. Discipleship is joy."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer