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# TEACHING

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# The Importance of Teaching

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- Our ability to teach well can save souls
- Secular wisdom is inconsistent
- Look to God-given success stories



# 1. ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

ACTS 8:26-40

# Ask questions

## Ethiopian Eunuch

- Ask questions

Acts 8:30

*So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"*

- Philip wasn't condescending or trapping
  - Gathering Information
- Allows them to reason for themselves

Prov 18:13

*He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him*

- Listen to determine what needs to be said.

# Allow them to ask questions

## Ethiopian Eunuch

- Ask questions
- Allow them to ask questions

Acts 8:34

*So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?"*

- Philip asked the question, then stopped talking
- Typically, willing to listen when asking questions
- The eunuch is ready to hear about Jesus

James 1:19-20

*<sup>19</sup>So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; <sup>20</sup>for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

- We've lost as soon as we get angry

# Be ready to answer them

## Ethiopian Eunuch

- Ask questions
- Allow them to ask questions
- Be ready to answer them

Acts 8:35

*Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.*

- Philip had the knowledge necessary to explain the truth

2 Tim 2:15

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

# Take advantage of opportunities

## Ethiopian Eunuch

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- Allow them to ask questions
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- Take advantage of opportunities

Col 4:5-6

*<sup>5</sup>Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*

- May only have one chance
- Philip had to be ready to deliver the specific message that this man needed to hear

# Emphasize salvation

## Ethiopian Eunuch

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Acts 8:36

*Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"*

- His teaching obviously included baptism

Matt 28:19

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

- The mission from Christ himself



# 2. Jailer and Prisoners

ACTS 16:20-34

# Be an example during adversity

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## Jailer and Prisoners

- Be an example during adversity

Acts 16:20-24

*<sup>20</sup>And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; <sup>21</sup>and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." <sup>22</sup>Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks*

- Beaten with rods (many stripes)
- Feet in stocks

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- Be an example during adversity

1 Pet 3:14-15

*<sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." <sup>15</sup>But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*

2 Tim 2:6-8

*<sup>6</sup>Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, <sup>7</sup>in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, <sup>8</sup>sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.*

- *None of the prisoners left*
- *Followed their example (songs and prayers)*

# Be selfless

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## Jailer and Prisoners

- Be an example during adversity
- Be selfless

Acts 16:28

*But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."*

- Kindness / selflessness makes us stand out
- Paul and Silas chose the jailer's well-being over their own

John 13:34-35

*<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

- We won't have to tell people

# Teach passively

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## Jailer and Prisoners

- Be an example during adversity
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- Teach passively

Acts 16:30

*And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

- No direct teaching is recorded

# Include additional people

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Acts 16:31-33

*<sup>31</sup>So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”*

*<sup>32</sup>Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.*

- They mentioned his household
- Made sure they were included when teaching



# 3. Athenians

ACTS 17:16-34



# Be kind / Point out positives

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## Athenians

- Be kind / Point out positives

Acts 17:22

*Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious*

1 Cor 13:4-7

*<sup>4</sup>Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup>does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup>does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup>bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

- We are to love the lost, which includes thinking the best of them.
- We don't have to point out error right away.

# Understand the culture

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## Athenians

- Be kind / Point out positives
- Understand the culture

Acts 17:23

*for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:*

*TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.*

*Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:*

- Paul paid attention to his surroundings
- He does not compromise the truth

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- Act in a way that will not cause unnecessary barriers
- Taught Jews in the synagogue and Athenians at the Areopagus

# Utilize common ground

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- Be kind / Point out positives
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- Utilize common ground

Acts 17:28

*for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'*

- Uses what they know to teach about God
  - Altars and poets

# Use reason

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- Understand the culture
- Utilize common ground
- Use reason

Acts 17:29

*Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.*

- God created us not the other way around
- Use reasoning that aligns with their knowledge

Acts 17:1-3

*<sup>1</sup>Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ."*

- Reasoned from the Scriptures when speaking to the Jews

# Emphasize common redemption

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## Athenians

- Be kind / Point out positives
- Understand the culture
- Utilize common ground
- Use reason
- Emphasize common redemption

Acts 17:30

*Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,*

- Shows the problem is easy to fix

Rom 3:23

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

Eph 1:7

*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace*

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## Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)

- Ask questions (30)
- Allow them to ask questions (34)
- Be ready to answer them (35)
- Take advantage of opportunities (27)
- Emphasize salvation (36)

## Jailer and Prisoners (Acts 16:20-24)

- Be an example during adversity (20-24)
- Be selfless (28)
- Teach passively (30)
- Include additional people (31-33)

## Athenians (Acts 17:16-34)

- Be kind / Point out positives (22)
- Understand the culture (23)
- Utilize common ground (23, 28)
- Use reason (29)
- Emphasize common redemption (30)

