

## The Teacher/Disciple Model

What commandments/principles/examples do we see in Scripture regarding teachers and how disciples are to be trained?

**A. The teachers are to be older/more mature Christians of the same gender.**

Titus 2:3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

**B. The teachers are not only to teach doctrine but are to train behavior.** (See above) They are not just to teach that a woman should love her husband, but should train that disciple until she is actually loving her husband (biblically). See also Matt 28:20

**C. The teacher is to both teach and admonish (correct) the disciple.** Col 1:28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. Note that every disciple is to be trained this way.

**D. The teacher is to train the disciple to “observe” (or do) all of the commandments of Christ.** Matt 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. This addresses the scope of the training.

**E. The teacher is to be an example of Christ in doctrine and behavior to the disciple and is to love the disciple the way Christ loved his disciples/Apostles.** John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." See also 1 Cor 11:1.

**F. The teacher is to specifically pray for the maturity/obedience of the disciple he is training.** Luke 22:31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

**G. The teacher/trainer is to engage the disciple in life situations to further train the disciple in obedience to Christ. (Paul to his disciple Timothy)** 2 Tim 3:10 You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, 11 my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra--which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

**H. The teacher/trainer is to train the disciple until he is mature.** (See Col 1:28-29, Eph 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

**I. The teacher/trainer is to train the disciple until the disciple is obeying Christ in the same ways that the teacher/trainer is obeying Christ.** Luke 6:40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. God shows the teacher something. The teacher shows the disciple that same thing.

**J. The teacher/trainer trains the disciple around the clock, meaning whenever there is opportunity.** (See Jesus training of his disciples in all four gospels.)

**K. The teacher is to train specific individual disciples (not a class of disciples).**  
Matt 4:18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."