

What a Great Work is Done

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Since I began preaching I have preached and studied from the New American Standard Version of Scripture, yet I still quote 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (and others) from the King James. Don't ever remember reading it, but I quote it that way.

When I'm speaking publicly and turning to a passage of Scripture, as my thumb flips past pages, to this day my mind is saying... Matthew.... Mark.... Luke.... John.... Acts... and the letter to the Romans...." Just as the song goes. And just as I learned as a child.

What do the above illustrations mean? Only that we DO remember, for the rest of our lives what we learn as children. Our Bible classes are not craft sessions or babysitting – they are Bible studies which are prepared to the appropriate level of the students in the class perhaps, but Bible studies nevertheless. Elders, deacons, preachers, their wives, and other men and women who will lead churches are sitting in those 3 year old classes



and 5 year old classes, and all the rest. Lives and souls are going to be placed into the care of some of those Christians that are being trained right now. Every finger pointing upward as a "little light of mine" and every "slow down, we don't run in church" has its influence in imprinting little memory cards with godly behavior.

Let me tell you that some teachers here are preparing for their classes weeks ahead of time. Visuals and bulletin boards are made to drive home the points being taught. Activities to re-enforce the lessons are prepared. Prayers are led, songs are sung, questions are asked and answered, and the next generation is taught that the word of God is vital to their lives and can be a pleasurable experience.

Thank you teachers, for your efforts. Our weekly teaching program is a powerful effort for truth here, a firm grasp on the future, and we would commend you.

