



WANTED: Bible Teachers; to Help My Children Go to Heaven

Introduction: If you were writing a classified ad for someone to teach your child; realizing that where that child spends eternity, will depend on his/her attitude toward the Bible – What qualifications would you demand? You wouldn't want just anybody. Someone has said there are three kinds of teachers: those never remembered – never forgiven – never forgotten. We want and need Bible class teachers of the last variety. There is no greater work than teaching God's word and guiding souls in the right way.

I. MUST BE: A Genuine _____

- A) One who lives what he/she teaches (Philippians 1:21; John 8:31).
- B) "The life of a teacher is the life of his teaching."
- C) What we are speaks louder than what we say.
- D) Children know when you are not genuine.

II. MUST BE: Sound in _____

- A) Bible class is no place for one "tossed to and fro and carried about..." (Eph. 4:14).
- B) 2 Timothy 2:13
- C) I've know of Bible class teachers who could not take the Bible & show the plan of salvation.
- D) Important: A teacher of any Bible class should have a reputation for soundness.

III. MUST BE: A _____ of God's Word

- A) Proverbs 23:23; 2 Timothy 4:1-2; 2:15; 1 Timothy 4:15-16
- B) Hebrews 5:11-12 – Dull of hearing "lazy listeners" should have been teachers but they needed to be taught. They were not students!
- C) Note: 2 common misconceptions about teaching young children...
 1. They can't learn anything – "babysit," "take up time," "just color & play."
 2. They don't know anything about the Word, so the teacher doesn't need to know much.
- D) As a student the "applicant" must promise to prepare well and promise to grow spiritually.

IV. MUST BE: _____ and _____

- A) Faithful to the commitments of teaching (on time – prepared – eager to teach).
- B) Willing to cooperate with parents, be an encourager, and seek unity (Phil. 1:27).



Sometimes the teacher learns more when teaching than the students do!

V. MUST BE: _____

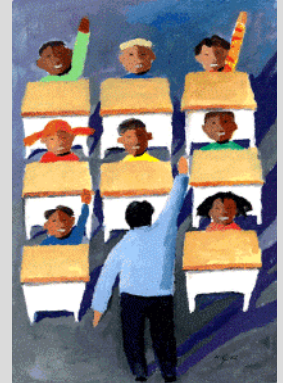
- A) 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- B) You cannot do God's work without God's help.

VI. MUST BE: One Who _____

- A) John 3:16; 1 John 3:16
- B) Knows the value of a single soul – more than all the world!

Conclusion: Please be the best teacher you can be & help me, help my children, go to heaven.

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Answers:

Christian, doctrine, student, dependable, cooperative, prayerful, loves souls.

