

GOD'S KINGDOM, PART 11

The Parable of a Teacher

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⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe [teacher] who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure new things and old things.” Matthew 13:52 CET

All Believers Have a Responsibility to...

1. Be Instructed about the Kingdom.

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Have you understood the truths of the Kingdom of Heaven in Matthew 13? Therefore, what is your responsibility?

*Therefore – What is the therefore, there for?

* Instructed - Discipled

The Greek word for “instructed” in Matthew 13:52 has the same root word as “disciple”.

All Believers Have a Responsibility to...

2. Be Instructors of Others about the Kingdom.

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¹¹ We have much to say about this, But it is difficult to explain, since you have become poor in hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s Word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³ For everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the Word of righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:11-14 CET

In Titus 2, Paul instructed the elders to teach the older men to teach the younger men and the older women to teach the younger women.

Elders Have a Responsibility to...

3. Be Instructors of the Church about the Kingdom.

And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe [teacher] who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, ... Matthew 13:52b CET

Responsibility of a scribe [teacher] of the Law

- * Studied and taught the Old Testament law
- * Drew up legal documents
- * Copied the Old Testament
- * Some had their own disciples and were members of the Jewish Council.
- * Ezra – See Ezra 7:6-21

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. James 3:1 ESV

Elders Have a Responsibility to...

4. Be Instructors with New/Old Kingdom Treasures.

And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe [teacher] who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure new things and old things.” Matthew 13:52 CET

Responsibility of Elders of the Kingdom

What is the treasure in this parable?

I have treasured Your word in my heart, So that I may not sin against You. Psalm 119:11 NASB

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:1-4 ESV

Christ *Himself*, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2c-3 NASB