

Lessons from the Master Teacher...

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As I look at the teachers who serve in our schools from coast to coast, I can see many teachers who are excellent at what they do! God has truly blessed many of our schools with top notch, even master teachers! In this article I want to focus on lessons we can learn from the best master teacher I know... Jesus. What can we learn from His example? I think there are several key items:



- 1) Submit yourself to God... He is the only true source of strength and power! Throughout His ministry here on earth, Jesus relied on His Father in heaven! We can see at several points, Jesus getting away to commune with His Father and at the most difficult times, even at the cross, Jesus was fully surrendered to His Father's will! I truly believe that the key to our Christian walk is... surrender. We must get to the point where we are able to give everything to Him! We get caught in the motions of doing our day to day, and some of us are pretty good at doing our jobs. All too often we lose sight of our need for God to aid us... What opportunities do we miss when we forget to allow His power to be made perfect in our weakness? How much more could we do if we allowed Him to truly work through us?
- 2) Jesus met people where they were at in their journey. He did not have a pre-set list of requirements for behaviour, or position. Jesus came to help those in need, not save those who had no need. He spent time with the cast offs of society... the tax collectors and the prostitutes. Sometimes it is easy to deal with the good kids, the ones that are a blessing to teach. And yet sometimes the ones that need our attention the most are the ones that are the hardest to deal with. It may not be an easy road, but His example tell us to love them where they are, and help them grow to be what He would have them be!
- 3) Train people for service – empower others to make a difference – Jesus raised a group of men around Him that others didn't see much potential in, but He sees us differently than we see ourselves. He empowered a group of twelve that eventually turned the world upside down by spreading the news of His sacrifice and love for all. We need to look for opportunities to teach our students about His love, and to find ways to allow them to grow and learn to share that love with the world around them.
- 4) Love people... even those who don't treat you well.... Jesus even loved the people who would put Him on the cross. When struck, He did not strike back, He turned the other cheek. Our first reaction to someone attacking us is to defend. We want to fight back when we are wronged. Perhaps it is a parent, or church member, or student that has wronged us, or hurt us. It would be easy to strike out. However the example Jesus set tell

us to love our enemy, it tells us to do good to those who wrong us. The very essence of who God is revolves around love. If we want to be like the Master Teacher, then we need to love each and every person He puts in our path!

May you be blessed as you strive to be like Jesus – The Master Teacher!