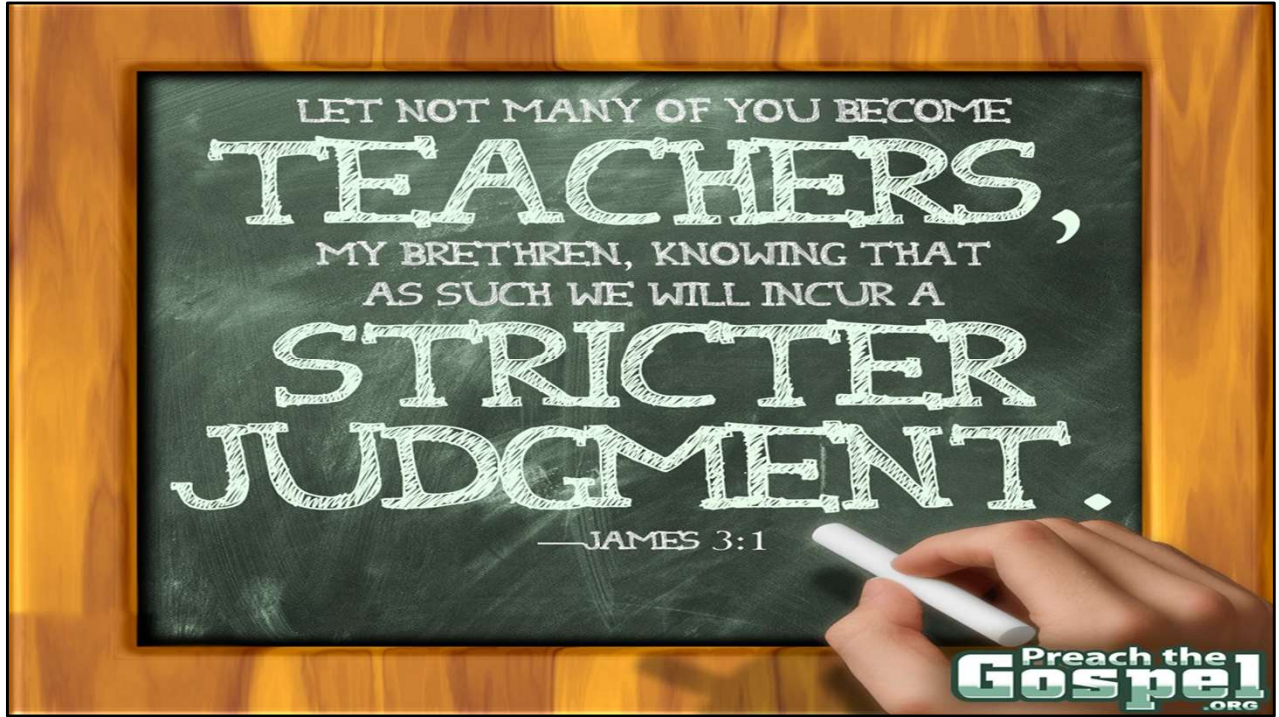


Faith  
Without  
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A Study in the Book of James





LET NOT MANY OF YOU BECOME  
**TEACHERS,**  
MY BRETHREN, KNOWING THAT  
AS SUCH WE WILL INCUR A  
**STRICTER**  
**JUDGMENT.**  
—JAMES 3:1

Preach the  
**Gospel**  
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## The Teacher Dilemma

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- James 3:2-12 - Reminded us, we all stumble in many ways
- Teacher: An Awesome responsibility and privilege!
- Everyone teaches! Parents, friends, “I think” ...
- We teach 1<sup>st</sup> by example! “Mom, why Doesn’t Dad go to church?” - 1 Timothy 3, 1 Peter 5:1-3, 1 John 3:16

Tackling this text after 1<sup>st</sup> addressing Ja.3:2-12 truly punches home the weighty responsibility of Teaching and the tongue!

Teacher: the most dangerous job!

This verse is for All teachers, especially of “Truth”!

Especially teachers of Spiritual, biblical, moral, Philosophical, counseling, and ethical truth!

Jesus said: Follow ME! Not merely Do what I say. In fact Jesus didn’t ask ANYTHING of us that He didn’t do Himself, perfectly and to such extremes

[1Pe 5:1-3 NASB20] 1 Therefore, I urge elders among you, as [your] fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, [and] one who is also a fellow partaker of the glory that is to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion but voluntarily, according to [the will of] God; and not with greed but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as domineering over those assigned to your care, but by proving to be examples to the flock.

[Heb 13:7 NASB20] 7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their way of life, imitate their faith.

[Mat 23:8-10 NASB20] 8 "But as for you, do not be called Rabbi; for [only] One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers [and sisters.] 9 "And do not call [anyone] on earth your father; for [only] One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10 "And do not be called leaders; for [only] One is your Leader, [that is,] Christ.

[Phl 3:17 NASB20] 17 Brothers [and sisters,] join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

[Phl 4:9 NASB20] 9 As for the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

[1Th 1:5-6 NASB20] 5 for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sakes. 6 You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word during great affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

[2Th 3:9 NASB20] 9 not because we do not have the right [to this,] but in order to offer ourselves as a role model for you, so that you would follow our example.

[1Ti 4:12 NASB20] 12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but [rather] in speech, conduct, love, faith, [and] purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

[Tit 2:7 NASB20] 7 in all things show yourself [to be] an example of good deeds, [with] purity in doctrine, dignified,

[Jhn 13:14-15 NASB20] 14 "So if I, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 "For I gave you an example, so that you also would do just as I did for you.

[1Jo 3:16 NASB20] 16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers [and sisters.]

2Ti 3:10, 14 Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, ... 14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned [them,]

[Pro 22:6 NASB20] 6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he grows older he will not abandon it.

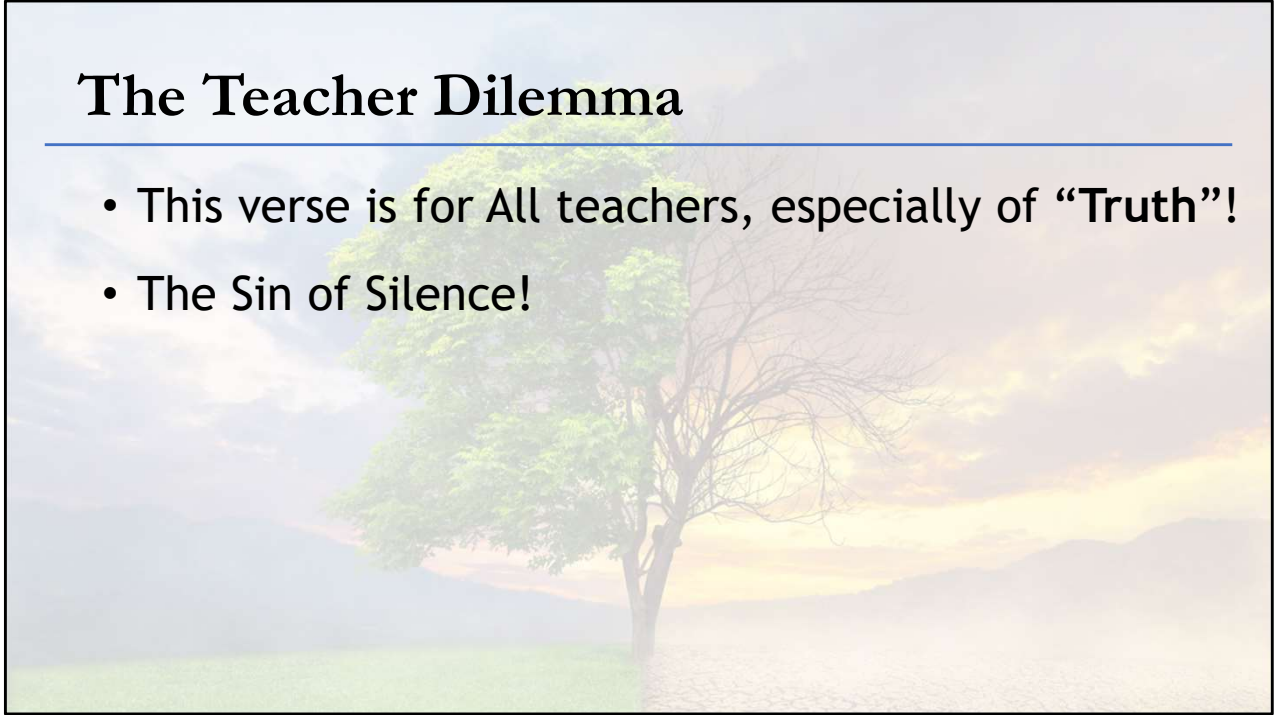
[Deu 6:4-13 NASB20] 4 "Hear, Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! 5 "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 "And you shall repeat them diligently to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up. 8 "You shall also tie them as a sign to your

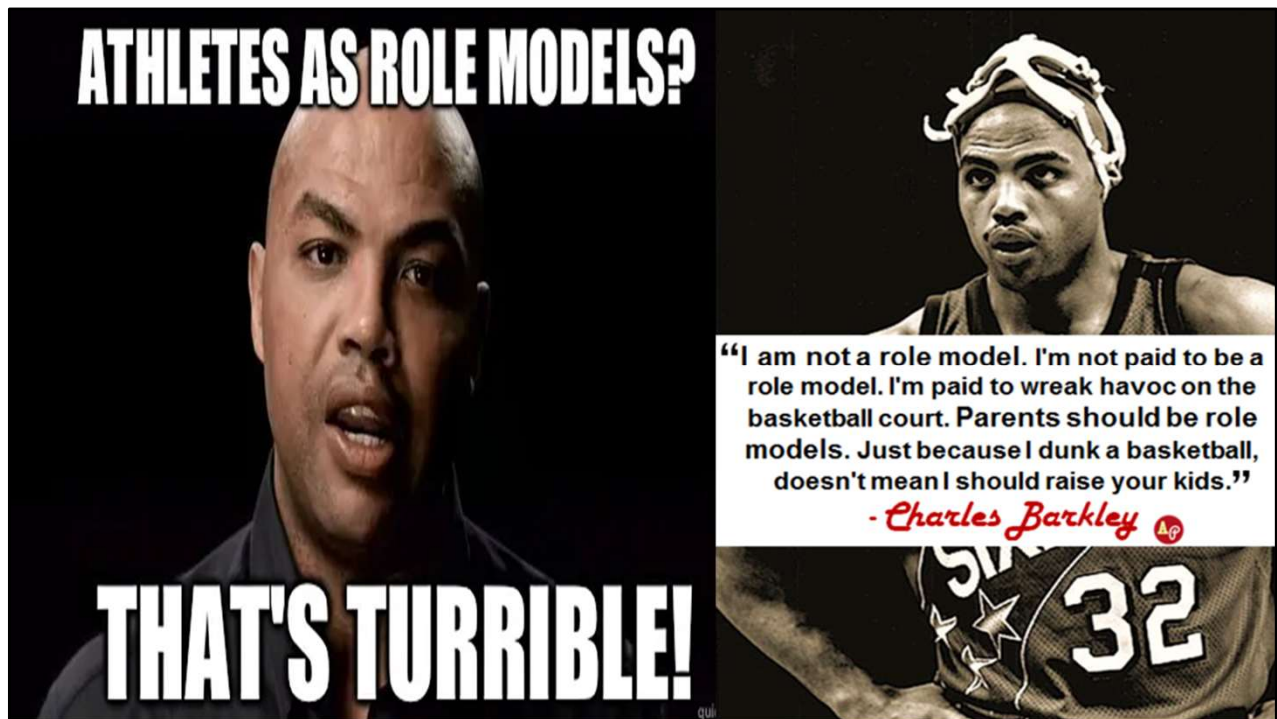
hand, and they shall be as frontlets on your forehead. 9 "You shall also write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. 10 "Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land that He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and carved cisterns which you did not carve out, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied, 12 be careful that you do not forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 13 "You shall fear [only] the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

## The Teacher Dilemma

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- This verse is for All teachers, especially of “Truth”!
- The Sin of Silence!





Philly 76er, Charles Barkley

I am not a role model.

Parents should be role models

Just because I dunk a basketball, doesn't mean I should raise your kids

<https://youtu.be/4gqk4WPnrm>

Nike learned in early 1993 that its popularity had slipped among teenage males, a demographic that the shoe-apparel giant had long considered its bread and butter. Reebok in particular had made inroads after unveiling an outdoor "Blacktop" version of its trendy Pump sneakers. Whereas roughly 92 percent of teenage male consumers previously preferred Nike to any other athletic footwear brand, that number plunged into the mid-70s as the calendar turned to 1993.

Utah Jazz star Karl Malone wrote that being a role model was not Barkley's decision to make.

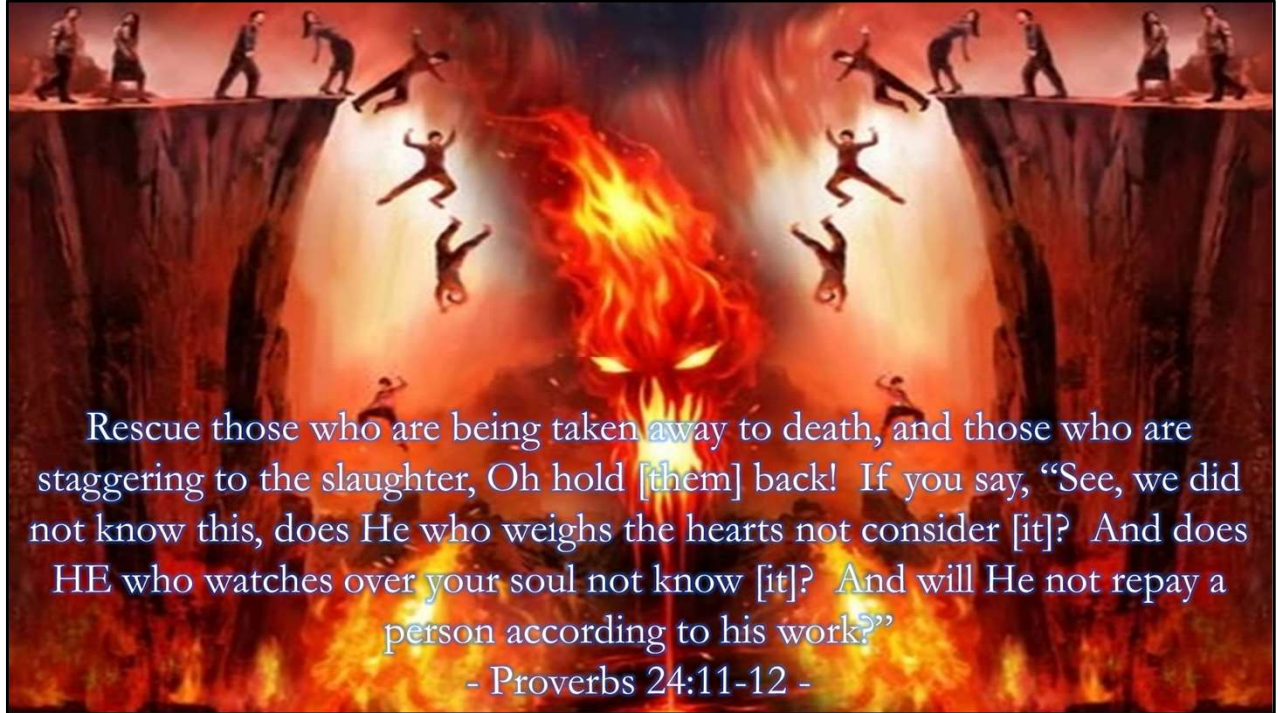
"We don't choose to be role models," Malone wrote. "We are chosen. Our only



choice is whether to be a good role model or a bad one.

The commercial first aired roughly two years after one of Barkley's most controversial moments. In March 1991, the NBA suspended Barkley for one game and fined him \$10,000 after he tried to spit at a racist heckler seated courtside in New Jersey but ended up hitting an 8-year-old girl.

Doesn't matter if you don't want to be a role model (teach people) everyone is!



**Silence has always been a SIN!!!  
We are our brothers Keepers!**

[Gen 4:9-11 NASB20] 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 Then He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying out to Me from the ground. 11 "Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

**Pro 24:11-12 Rescue those who are being taken away to death, And those who are staggering to the slaughter, Oh hold [them] back! 12 If you say, "See, we did not know this," Does He who weighs the hearts not consider [it?] And does He who watches over your soul not know [it?] And will He not repay a person according to his work?**

[Eze 3:17 NASB20] 17 "Son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me. [Eze 33:6-7 NASB20] 6 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the horn and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a

person from them, he is taken away for his wrongdoing; but I will require his blood from the watchman's hand.' 7 "Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them a warning from Me.

## **“teachers will incur a stricter judgment.”**

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- Because of “entrusted” responsibility, it’s needed
- Because they typically reach more people
- Because what they teach is repeated/reproduced
- Because some teachings have eternal results
- Because we all answer to God!

Why??

[Luk 12:48 NASB20] 48 but the one who did not know [it,] and committed acts deserving of a beating, will receive [only] a few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

[1Co 4:1-2 NASB20] 1 This is the way [any] person is to regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

[1Co 4:15-17 NASB20] 15 For if you were to have **countless tutors in Christ, yet [you would] not [have] many fathers**, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 Therefore I urge you, **be imitators of me**. 17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, **just as I teach everywhere in every church**.

Selected and empowered and often compensated to instruct others entails expectations and a solemn trust that must not be betrayed. IT has reverberating effects

Teachers spread their teaching, Many Socialists and immoral people have been

targeting our children, especially at college level but now all the way to Kindergarten, who then teach their children

[2Ti 2:2 NASB20] 2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.

[Mat 25:14, 20 NASB20] 14 "For [it is] just like a man [about] to go on a journey, [who] called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. ... 20 "The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have earned five more talents.' ... "wicked and lazy servant"

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[Rom 3:2 NASB20] 2 Great in every respect. First, that they were entrusted with the actual words of God.

[Rom 6:17 NASB20] 17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to [that] form of teaching to which you were entrusted,

[1Co 9:17 NASB20] 17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a commission [nonetheless.]

[Gal 2:7 NASB20] 7 But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter [had been] to the circumcised

[1Th 2:4 NASB20] 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not intending to please people, but [to please] God, who examines our hearts.

[1Ti 1:11 NASB20] 11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted.

[2Ti 1:12 NASB20] 12 For this reason I also suffer these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to protect what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

[Jer 23:28 NASB20] 28 "The prophet who has a dream may report [his] dream, but let him who has My word speak My word truthfully. What does straw have [in common] with grain?" declares the LORD.

[1Ti 1:12 NASB20] 12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

[2Ti 2:24-25 NASB20] 24 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, skillful in teaching, patient when wronged, 25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

[Mal 2:7 NASB20] 7 "For the lips of a priest should maintain knowledge, and [people] should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of

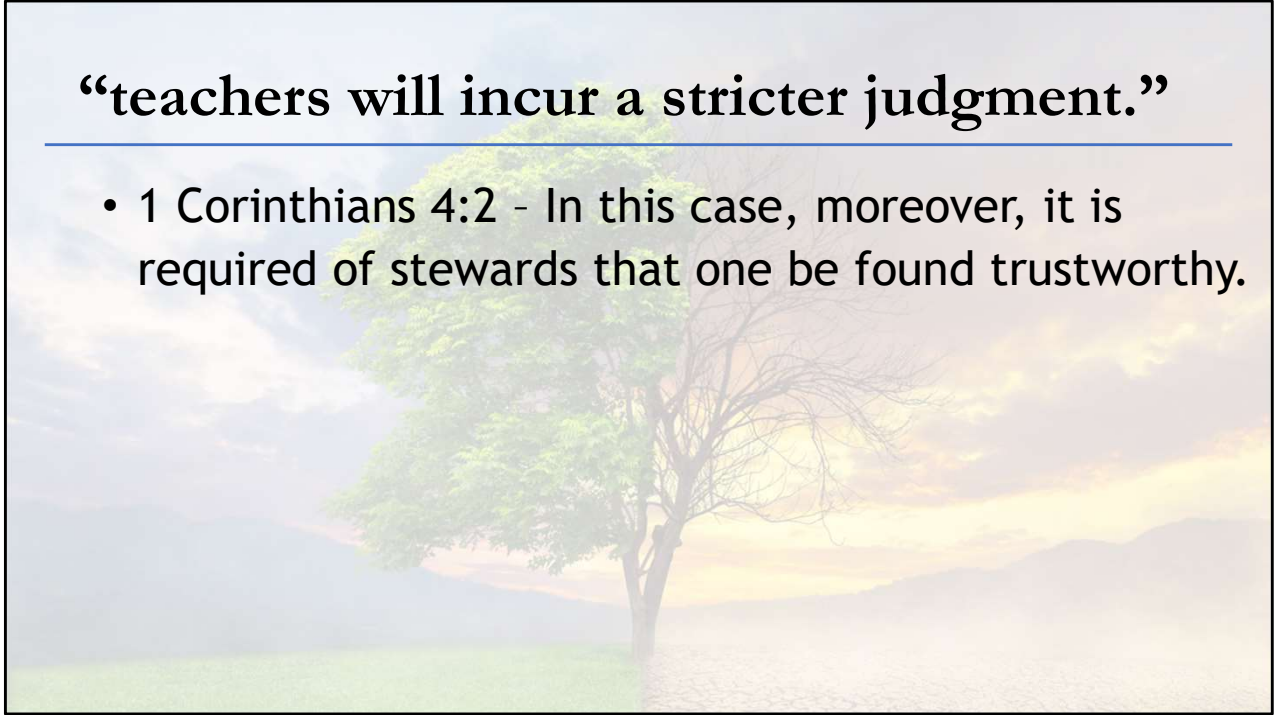
armies.

[1Ti 4:6 NASB20] 6 In pointing out these things to the brothers [and sisters,] you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, [constantly] nourished on the words of the faith and of the good doctrine which you have been following.

**“teachers will incur a stricter judgment.”**

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- 1 Corinthians 4:2 - In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.



# STRICTER JUDGMENT?

1 Peter 4:17: “Judgment begins (is more severe) in the house of God.”

John 15:22: (Jesus to the Jews): “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.”

Luke 12:48: “For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required.”

James 3:1: “My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.”

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Jesus taught repent!

Hell!

Sin!

[Mat 4:17 NASB20] 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."



## Jesus, the Master Teacher

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- Taught by example! Never asked more than He did!
- From a heart of love! He put us before himself!
- He taught with Authority! He knew! He rules!
- Jesus knew/used the Scriptures!
- Always put others ahead of Himself!

[Mat 9:36 NASB20] 36 Seeing the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd.

[Mat 14:14 NASB20] 14 When He came ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

[Mat 15:32 NASB20] 32 Now Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way."

[Mat 20:34 NASB20] 34 Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

[Mat 7:29 NASB20] 29 for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

[Mat 5:28, 32, 44 NASB20] 28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ... 32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for [the] reason of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ... 44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

[Mat 21:23-27 NASB20] 23 When He entered the temple [area,] the chief priests

and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, "**By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?**" 24 But Jesus responded and said to them, "I will also ask you one question, which, if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 "The baptism of John was from what [source:] from heaven or from men?" And they [began] considering [the implications] among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?' 26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the people; for they all regard John as a prophet." 27 And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither am I telling you by what authority I do these things.

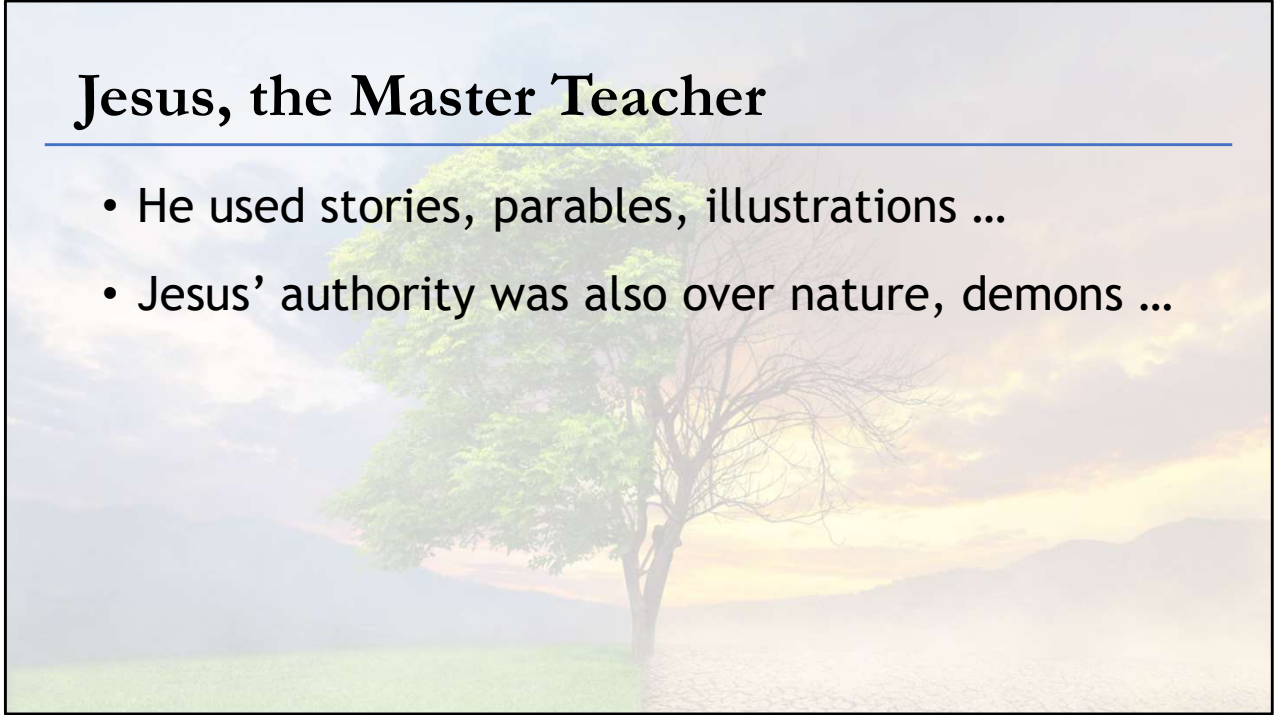
[Mat 28:18 NASB20] 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.**

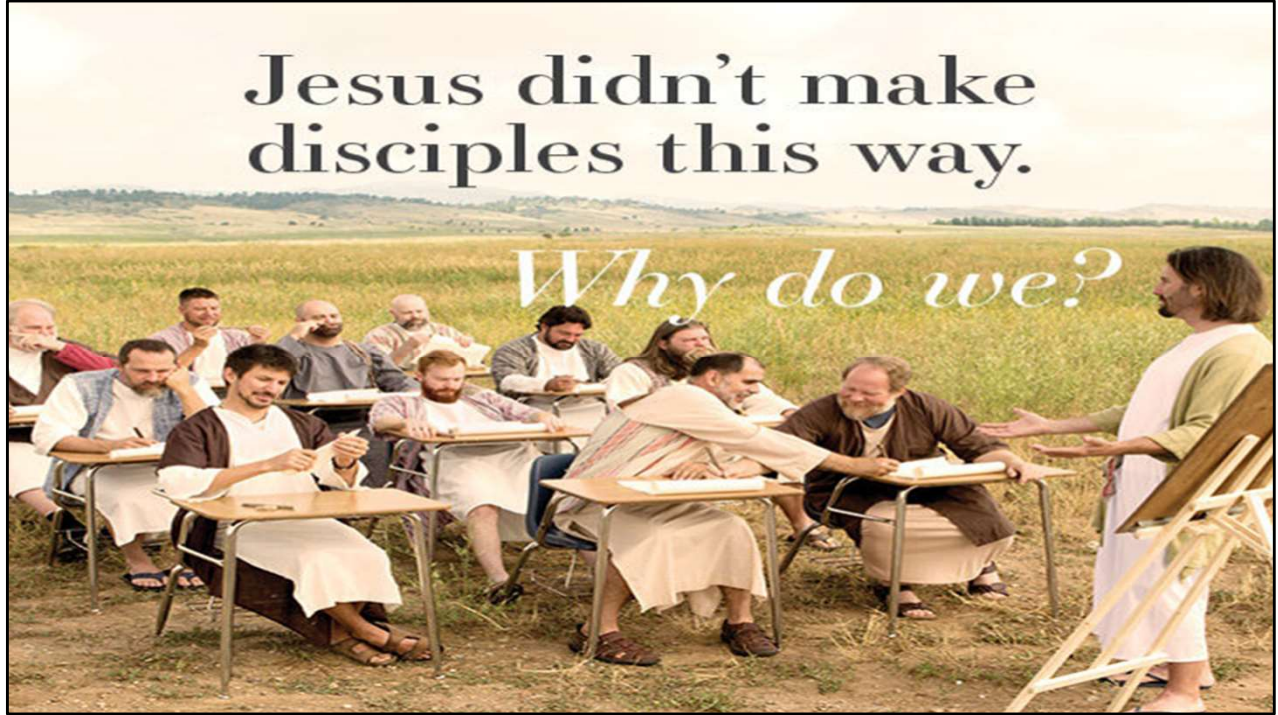
[Deu 18:19 NASB20] 19 'And it shall come about that whoever does not listen to My words which he speaks in My name, I Myself will require [it] of him.

## Jesus, the Master Teacher

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- He used stories, parables, illustrations ...
- Jesus' authority was also over nature, demons ...





**OTJ training!**

**Immersive studying meant following! Obeying! Serving! Mass teaching and individual, Jesus sent them out 2 by 2**

## All the wrong reasons

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- Philippians 1:17 - the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking that they are causing me distress in my imprisonment.
- Ego, Fame, “Profits”, Power, Style or philosophy
- False Prophets, Satan’s servants! Abusive?

[Phl 1:15, 17 NASB20] 15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from goodwill; ... 17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking that they are causing me distress in my imprisonment.

[Act 4:12 NASB20] 12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among mankind by which we must be saved."

[1Ti 2:5 NASB20] 5 For there is one God, [and] one mediator also between God and mankind, [the] Man Christ Jesus,

[Gal 1:7-8 NASB20] 7 which is not [just] another [account;] but there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. **8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!** [Gal 1:9 NASB20] 9 **As we have said before, even now I say again: if anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! Anathema!**

[Mat 23:5 NASB20] 5 "And they do all their deeds to be noticed by [other] people; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels [of their garments.]

[Rom 16:17-18 NASB20] 17 Now I urge you, brothers [and sisters,] keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. 18 **For such people are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.**

[1Co 3:3-4 NASB20] 3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is **jealousy and strife among you**, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like [ordinary] people? 4 For when one person says, "I am with Paul," and another, "I [am] with Apollos," are you not [ordinary] people?

[Gal 2:4 NASB20] 4 Yet [it was a concern] because of the **false brothers secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy on our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to enslave us.**

[Phl 1:17 NASB20] 17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking that they are causing me distress in my imprisonment.

[2Co 11:2-8, 13-15, 19-31 NASB20] 2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, to present you [as] a pure virgin to Christ. 3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his trickery, your minds will be led astray from sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 4 For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, [this] you tolerate [very] well! 5 For I consider myself not in the least inferior to the most eminent apostles. 6 But even if I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not [so] in knowledge; in fact, in every way we have made [this] evident to you in all things. 7 Or did I commit a sin by humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you without charge? 8 I robbed other churches by taking wages [from them] to serve you; ... 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds. ... 19 For you, being [so] wise, tolerate the foolish gladly. 20 For you tolerate it if anyone enslaves you, if anyone devours you, if anyone takes [advantage of] you, if anyone exalts himself, if anyone hits you in the face. 21 To [my] shame I [must] say that we have been weak [by comparison.] But in whatever respect anyone [else] is bold--I am speaking in foolishness--I too am bold. 22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. 23 Are they servants of Christ?--I am speaking as if insane--I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in [danger of] death. 24 Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine [lashes.] 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent [adrift] at sea. 26 [I have been] on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from [my] countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, dangers among false brothers; 27 [I have

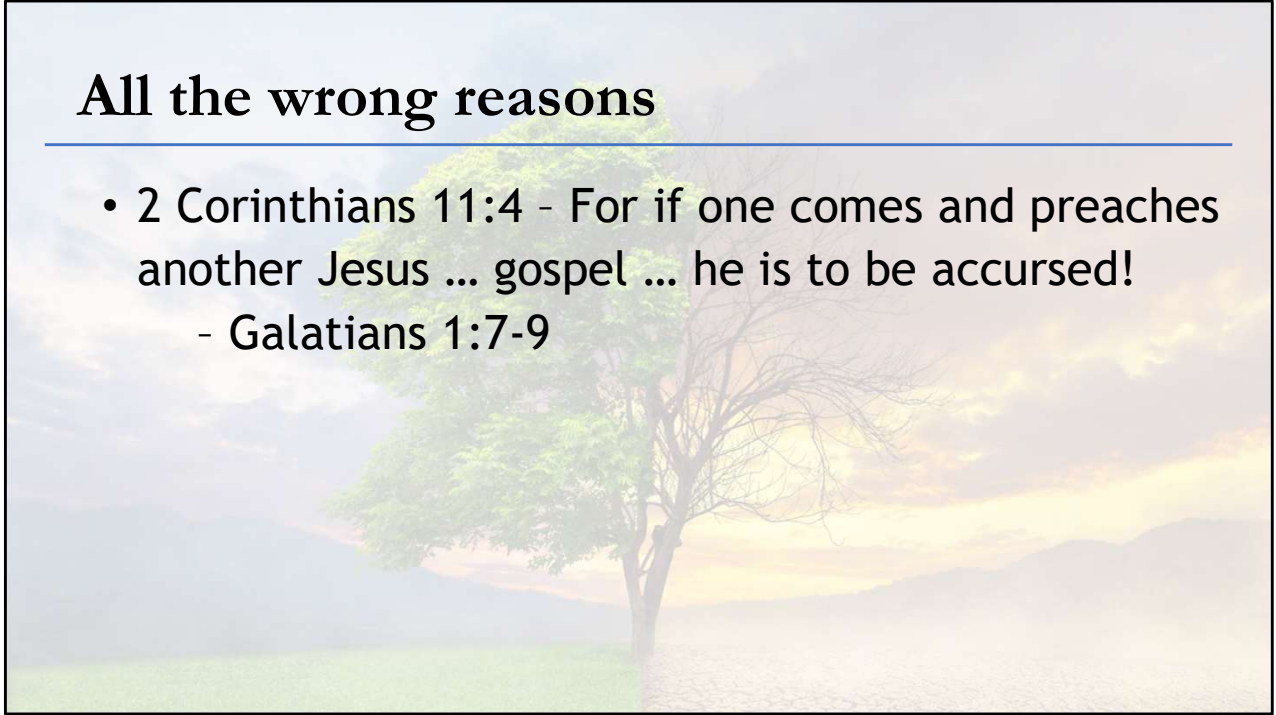
been] in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. 28 Apart from [such] external things, there is the daily pressure on me [of] concern for all the churches. 29 Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern? 30 If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness. 31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

[2Co 10:1, 10-12 NASB20] 1 Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ--I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent! ... 10 For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his personal presence is unimpressive and his speech contemptible." 11 Have such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when absent, such persons [we are] also in deed when present. 12 For we do not presume to rank or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they have no understanding.

## All the wrong reasons

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- 2 Corinthians 11:4 - For if one comes and preaches another Jesus ... gospel ... he is to be accursed!  
- Galatians 1:7-9







There's a name for pastors who never speak of Sin, Repentance, or Hell - they're called False Teachers

The gospel is to be told, not sold

True shepherds walk in  
manure, and don't run  
from wolves.



## Watchmen!

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- Ezekiel 3:17-18 - “Son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me. When I say to the wicked, ‘You will certainly die,’ and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way so that he may live ... but his blood I will require from your hand.”

### Watchmen

[Psa 130:6 NASB20] 6 My soul [waits in hope] for the Lord More than the watchmen for the morning; [Yes, more than] the watchmen for the morning.

[Ecc 12:3 NASB20] 3 on the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and strong men are bent over, the grinders stop working because they are few, and those who look through windows grow dim;

[Isa 62:6 NASB20] 6 On your walls, Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who profess the LORD, take no rest for yourselves;

[Jer 6:17 NASB20] 17 "And I set watchmen over you, [saying,] 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'

[Jer 25:4 NASB20] 4 "And the LORD has sent to you all His servants the prophets again and again, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear,

[Eze 3:17-18 NASB20] 17 "Son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me.

18 "When I say to the wicked, 'You will certainly die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way so that he may live, that wicked person shall die for wrongdoing, but his blood I will require from your hand.

[Eze 33:2, 6 NASB20] 2 "Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them, 'If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman, ... 6 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the horn and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away for his wrongdoing; but I will require his blood from the watchman's hand.'

**Act 20:26 "Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all people.**

[Act 20:27-31 NASB20] 27 "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. 28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things to draw away the disciples after them. 31 "Therefore, be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

[Heb 13:17 NASB20] 17 Obey your leaders and submit [to them]--for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account--so that they may do this with joy, not groaning; for this [would be] unhelpful for you.

[Isa 58:1 NASB20] 1 "Cry loudly, do not hold back; Raise your voice like a trumpet, And declare to My people their wrongdoing, And to the house of Jacob their sins.

[Hos 8:1 NASB20] 1 [Put] the trumpet to your lips! Like an eagle [the enemy comes] against the house of the LORD, Because they have violated My covenant And rebelled against My Law.

[Zec 7:11 NASB20] 11 "But they refused to pay attention, and turned a stubborn shoulder and plugged their ears from hearing.

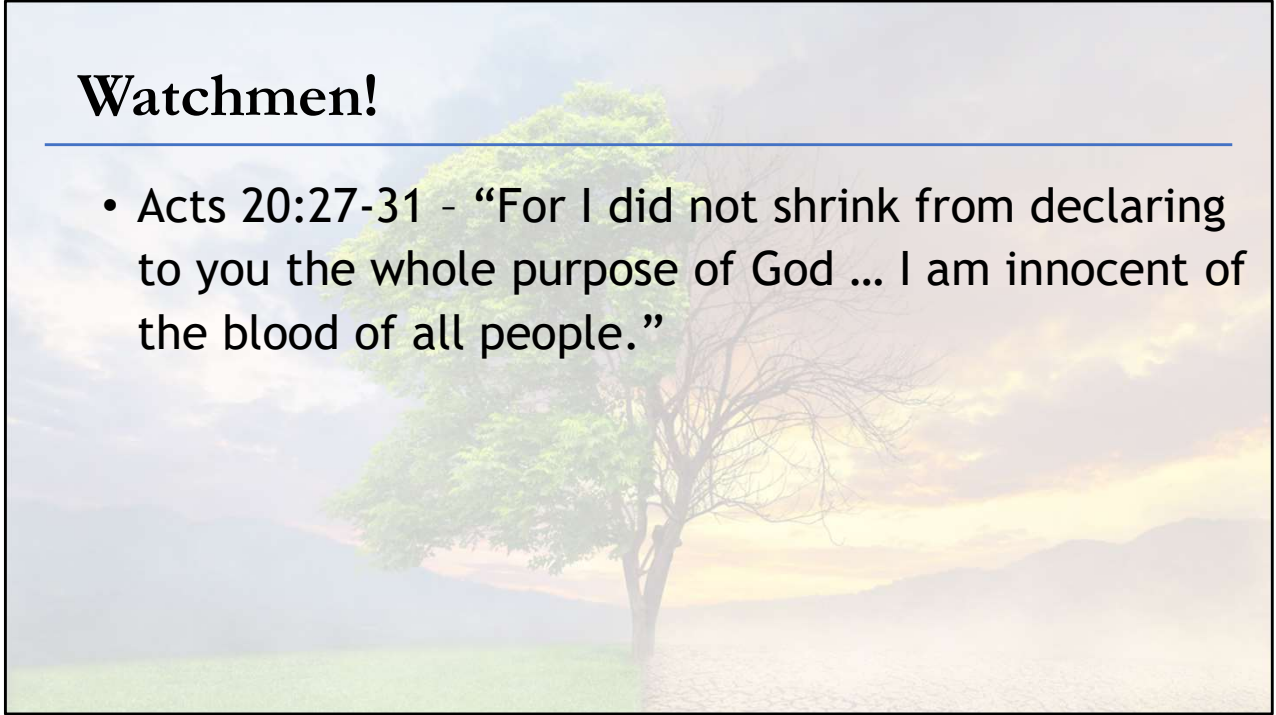
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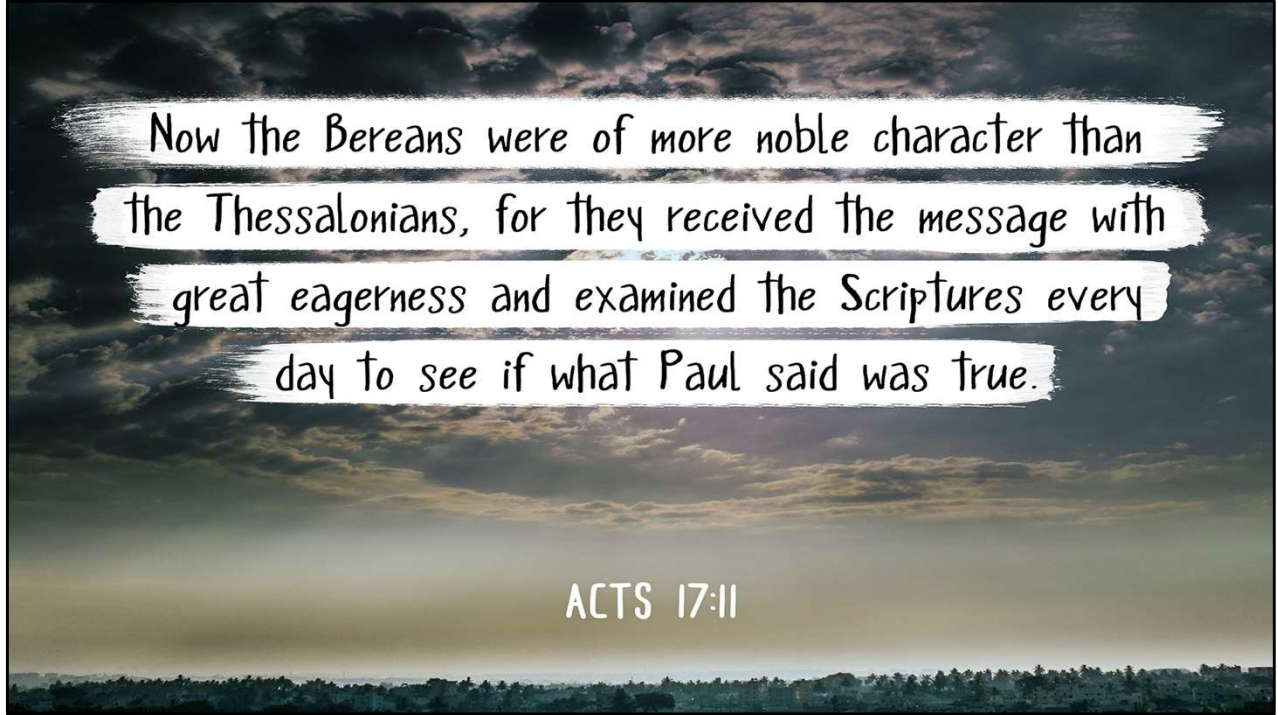
**2Ti 2:1-7** You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, **entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.** 3 Suffer hardship with [me,] as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted [him.] 5 And if someone likewise competes as an athlete, he is not crowned [as victor] unless he competes according to the rules. 6 The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops. 7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

## Watchmen!

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- Acts 20:27-31 - “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God ... I am innocent of the blood of all people.”





[Act 17:11 NASB20] 11 Now these people were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily [to see] whether these things were so. (Even though Paul was preaching!)

[1Th 2:13 NASB20] 13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted [it] not [as] the word of [mere] men, but as what it really is, the word of God, which also is at work in you who believe.

[Isa 8:20 NASB20] 20 To the Law and to the testimony! If they do not speak in accordance with this word, it is because they have no dawn.

[Luk 16:29 NASB20] 29 "But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

[Luk 24:44 NASB20] 44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all the things that are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

[Jhn 5:39 NASB20] 39 "You examine the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is those [very Scriptures] that testify about Me;

[2Ti 3:15 NASB20] 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings

which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.**

**II TIMOTHY 4:3-4**



**BEWARE OF THE FALSE PROPHETS,**  
WHO COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING,  
BUT INWARDLY ARE  
**RAVENOUS WOLVES.**

*YOU WILL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS!*

— Matthew 7:15-16

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BELOVED, DO NOT BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TEST THE SPIRITS TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE FROM GOD, FOR MANY FALSE PROPHETS HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD.

1 JOHN 4:1

THE WORD FOR THE DAY

[Mat 7:15-16 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn [bushes,] nor figs from thistles, are they? [1Jo 4:1-3 NASB20] 1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the [spirit] of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world.

Baa.

Baa.

Baa.

Woof...

I mean, Baa.

Alright, who  
said that?



# Discernment

is not knowing the difference  
between right and wrong.  
It is knowing the difference  
between right and almost right."

C.H. SPURGEON



**Lord, wilt Thou that we command fire  
to come down from heaven, and consume them,  
even as Elias did?**

**Ye know not  
what manner of spirit  
ye are of.**

Luke 9:54,55

**Grace is indeed required to turn a man into a saint;  
and he who doubts this does not know what a saint or a man is.**



[1Co 11:24 NASB20] 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

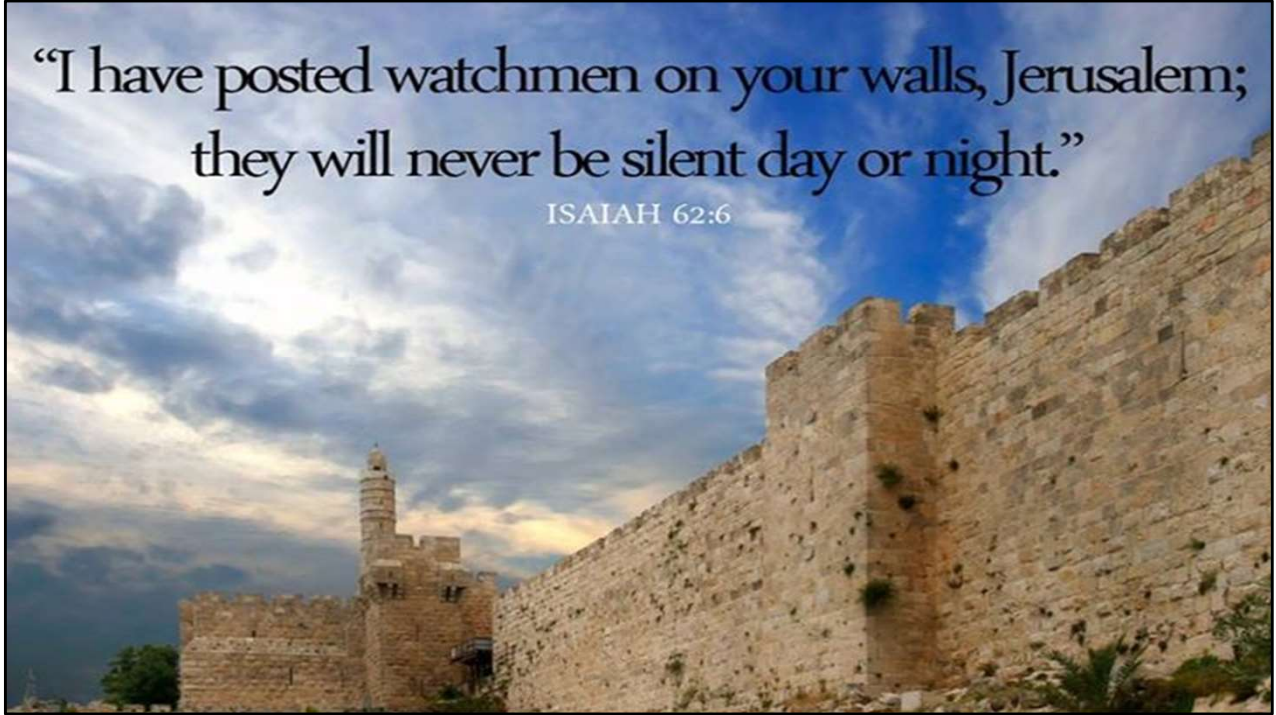


[1Co 11:25 NASB20] 25 In the same way [He] also [took] the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink [it,] in remembrance of Me."

[1Co 11:26 NASB20] 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

“I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem;  
they will never be silent day or night.”

ISAIAH 62:6



### Watchmen:

[Psa 130:6 NASB20] 6 My soul [waits in hope] for the Lord More than the watchmen for the morning; [Yes, more than] the watchmen for the morning.

[Ecc 12:3 NASB20] 3 on the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and strong men are bent over, the grinders stop working because they are few, and those who look through windows grow dim;

[Isa 52:8 NASB20] 8 Listen! Your watchmen raise [their] voices, They shout joyfully together; For they will see with their own eyes When the LORD restores Zion.

[Isa 56:10 NASB20] 10 His watchmen are blind, All of them know nothing. All of them are mute dogs unable to bark, Dreamers lying down, who love to slumber;

**Isa 62:6 On your walls, Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who profess the LORD, take no rest for yourselves;**

[Jer 6:17 NASB20] 17 "And I set watchmen over you, [saying,] 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'

[Jer 31:6 NASB20] 6 "For there will be a day when watchmen On the hills of Ephraim call out, 'Arise, and let's go up [to] Zion, To the LORD our God.'"

**Eze 3:17-18 "Son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me. 18 "When I say to the wicked, 'You will certainly die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way so that he may live, that wicked person shall die for wrongdoing, but his blood I will require from your hand.**

[Eze 33:2-4 NASB20] 2 "Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them, 'If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman, 3 and he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the horn and warns the people, 4 then someone who hears the sound of the horn but does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his [own] head.

[Hab 2:1 NASB20] 1 I will stand at my guard post And station myself on the watchtower; And I will keep watch to see what He will say to me, And how I may reply when I am reprimanded.

**Act 20:26 "Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all people. 27 "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.**





WATCHMAN...  
WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

THE NIGHT COMES THEN...  
MORNING!



# WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE MODERN GOSPEL?

- NO SIN
- NO CONVICTION
- NO JUDGMENT
- NO HELL
- NO BROKENNESS
- NO REPENTANCE
- NO CROSS
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- NO HOLINESS

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**AND NO TRUE SALVATION!**



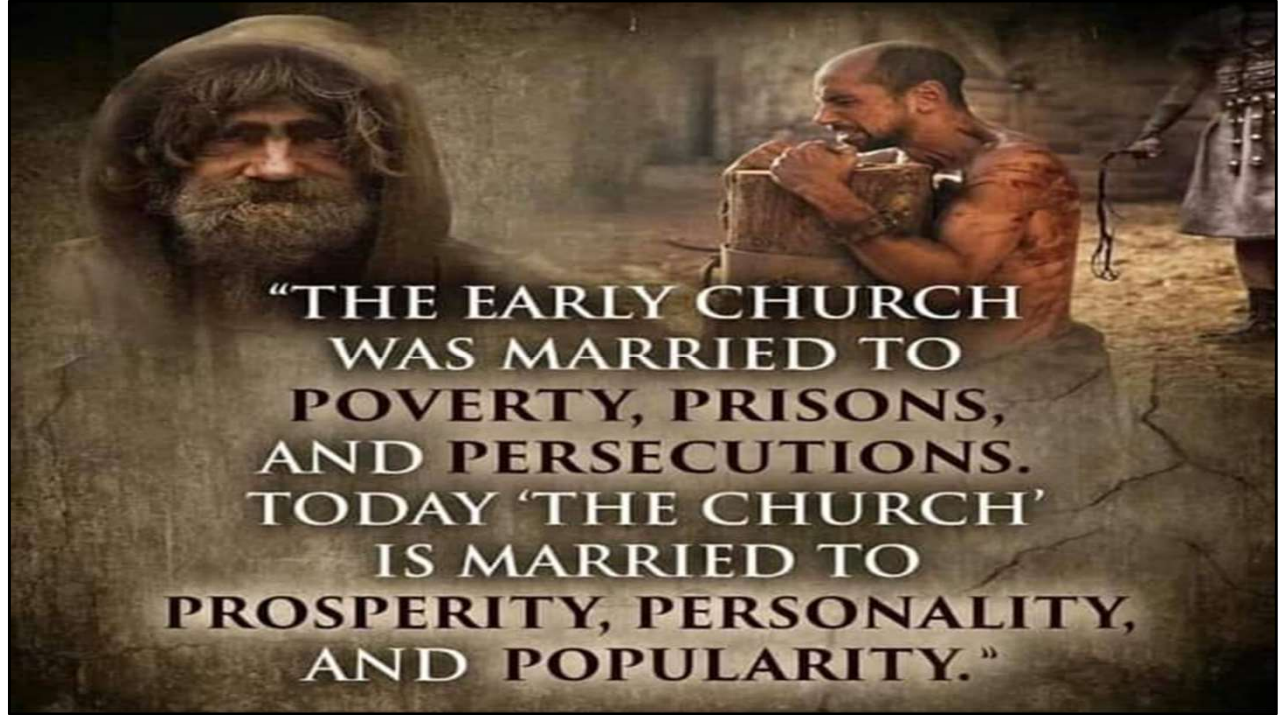
“THERE COMES  
A TIME WHEN  
**SILENCE IS**  
BETRAYAL.” - MARTIN  
LUTHER KING JR.

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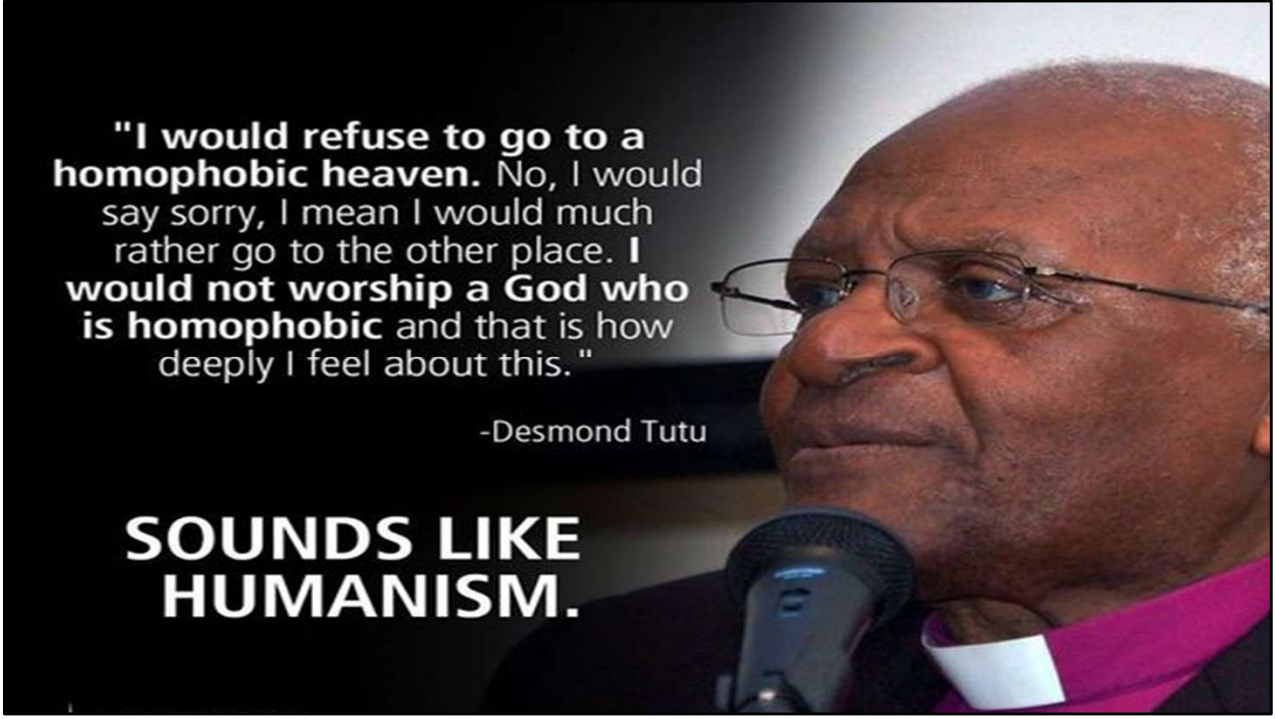


**Our**  
**lives**  
**begin to**  
**end the day**  
**we become**  
**SILENT** *about*  
**things**  
**that MATTER**

— PARAPHRASED FROM  
Martin Luther King Jr.



**“THE EARLY CHURCH  
WAS MARRIED TO  
POVERTY, PRISONS,  
AND PERSECUTIONS.  
TODAY ‘THE CHURCH’  
IS MARRIED TO  
PROSPERITY, PERSONALITY,  
AND POPULARITY.”**



**"I would refuse to go to a homophobic heaven. No, I would say sorry, I mean I would much rather go to the other place. I would not worship a God who is homophobic and that is how deeply I feel about this."**

-Desmond Tutu

**SOUNDS LIKE HUMANISM.**

## THE BIBLE WARNS US OF FALSE PROPHETS IN THE LAST DAYS

**2 Peter 2:1-3**

**Matthew 7:15**

**Matthew 24:24**

**Mark 13:22**



**1 John 4:1-6**

**2 John 1:7-11**

**2 Timothy 3:5**

**2 Timothy 4:3**

[2Pe 2:1-3 NASB20] 1 But **false prophets** also appeared among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will **secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.** 2 Many will follow their **indecent behavior, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;** 3 and in [their] **greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.**

[Mat 7:15 NASB20] 15 "Beware of the false prophets, who **come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.**

[Mat 24:24 NASB20] 24 "For false christs and false prophets will arise and will provide great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

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confess Jesus is not from God; this is the [spirit] of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world. 4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. 5 **They are from the world, therefore they speak [as] from the world, and the world listens to them.** 6 We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us; the one who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

[2Jo 1:7-11 NASB20] 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who **do not acknowledge Jesus Christ [as] coming in the flesh.** This is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but [that] you may receive a full reward. 9 Anyone who goes too far and does not remain in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who remains in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into [your] house, and do not give him a greeting; 11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

[2Ti 3:5 NASB20] 5 **holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power;** avoid [such people as] these.

[2Ti 3:6-8 NASB20] 6 For among them are those who slip into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, worthless in regard to the faith.

[2Ti 4:3 NASB20] 3 For [the] time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but **[wanting] to have their ears tickled,** they will accumulate for themselves teachers **in accordance with their own desires,**

[2Ti 4:4 NASB20] 4 and **they will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.**



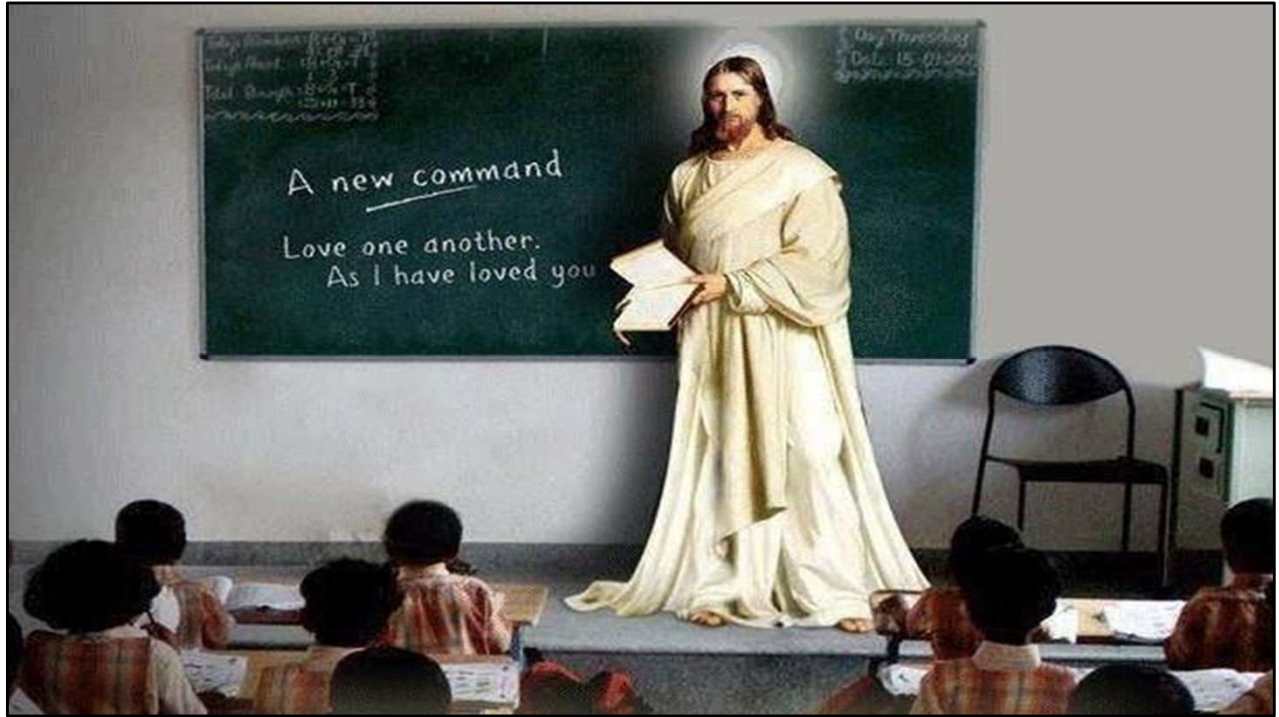


**11 WAYS** *Jesus*  
*is the*  
*master teacher*



**11 WAYS CHRIST IS THE  
MASTER TEACHER**  
*as shown by a public  
school teacher*





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