

"I Want To Teach"

Lesson 7, Applying the Lessons Learned

The reason for teaching is so your students can apply the things learned to their own lives. The scriptures teach we should "examine ourselves". (2 Corinthians 13: 5). We must know where we stand before our Creator. We must have a standard to measure our position. It is important to teach how the scriptures apply to us so we can see if we measure up to GOD's standard. Therefore application of our lesson is very important. It introduces new ideas that we may not have thought of; it gives us an opportunity to renew things we may have forgotten and it can encourage us to keep trying. Our goal is attainable but we must apply the lessons learned from scripture to keep us on track.

When teaching a Bible class the application portion of our lesson may take on many forms. It could be an activity sheet, a skit, a discussion or whatever is age appropriate. In older age groups such as teen girls or a ladies' class it may simply be a discussion of how the subject matter would apply. For children ages 5 and up you may choose something as simple as balloons.

Let's assume we are doing a lesson that deals with attitudes, with characters such as David, Abigail and Nabal (1 Samuel 25). You have the attitudes of sharing, anger, and selfishness, concern of others, kindness, and the like all in one lesson. Before class, choose attitudes from your lesson. Using a sharpie write a scripture for that attitude on a blown up balloon, i.e. Ephesians 4:32 (which by the way has several attitudes). Use a balloon for each attitude you want to discuss. Let the students choose a balloon and read the scripture aloud. Then you decide if it is a good attitude you should collect or a bad attitude that should be eliminated. If it is a good attitude you keep the balloon in class to remind you each week as you review to develop that attitude. If it is a bad attitude you bust the balloon to represent the elimination of that attitude. There are many variations of this activity – experiment with some ideas of your own.

Do you have some interesting activities for making application? Would you like to share with others? Please email them to us and we will be happy to share. Be sure to put complete instructions how to prepare and present your ideas. Our email address is: encouragement@ladiesepistles.org

Have a fantastic week as you encourage others to grow in the LORD!