

10 PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING

We learn best **when we have a desire to learn**

We learn most rapidly **those things that give us pleasure**

We learn best **by doing or being involved**

We learn best **when instruction utilizes several senses**

We learn best **when subject matter is covered in proper sequence**

We learn best **when we can see evidence of progress**

We learn **at different rates and in different styles**

We learn best **when the learning relates to some goal**

We learn best **when we have reinforcement**

We learn best **when the task is neither too hard nor too easy**

FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN...

They must think.

**To think,
They must be interested.**

**To be interested,
They must feel a need for the
information.**

Or

**Be interested in the way it is
presented.**

Or

**Simply enjoy learning any
new information.**

THE TEACHING TASK

to **Inform**

to **Explain**

to **Apply**

to **Motivate**

TEN CHECKS FOR YOUR LESSON

- ✓ Is everything ready in the classroom: seats, table, teaching aids?
- ✓ Is the method of presentation planned suitable for the pupils, the lesson, and for providing variety?
- ✓ Does the lesson have a specific aim carefully selected?
- ✓ Is the relationship of this aim to the quarter's study clearly understood and ready for presentation?
- ✓ Does the presentation plan include provisions for gaining and keeping the interest of the students?
- ✓ Is the lesson built on previous knowledge and understanding of the students--are we going from the known to the unknown?
- ✓ Has the difficulty of each point of teaching been considered and a means of accomplishment planned?
- ✓ Does this lesson present God's word and exalt its importance?
- ✓ Have the Bible teachings been related definitely to the daily life of each student?
- ✓ Does your closing of the lesson include methods to encourage the students to embrace and follow in daily life what they just learned?

USABLE TEACHING METHODS

- Lecture
- Question/Answer
- Answer/Question
- Tapes
- Role Playing
- Charts
- Overheads
- Group Work
- Panel Forums
- Debate
- Guest Speakers
- Tests
- Jeopardy
- Games
- Flannel Graph
- Brainstorming
- Videos
- Handouts
- PowerPoint
- Storytelling
- Bees/Drills
- Object Lessons
- Student Reports
- Magnetic Boards
- Light Board
- Homework

SELF-EXAMINATION

2 Corinthians 13:5

To answer any of the following questions 'yes' implies a 'yes' answer to all of the questions. It might, however, be good to contemplate each question separately with its unique emphasis on faithfulness.

- 1) Am I a Christian according to the scriptures?
Romans 6:3-4
- 2) Am I walking in the light? **1 Jn 1:6-7**
- 3) Am I a living sacrifice for God? **Rom 12:1-2**
- 4) Are my priorities in the right place? **Mat 6:33**
- 5) Do I love my brothers and sisters in the Lord?
1 Jn 3:14-18
- 6) Do I love the Lord? **Jn 14:15, Jn 15:14**
- 7) Am I student of the book? **Heb 5:12-14**
- 8) Do I walk each day doing what Christ would do?
Rom 8:29, Ph 1:21

WHAT MAKES A TEACHER INTERESTING AND EFFECTIVE?

- **Godliness**
 - ✓ Faithful in appearance
 - ✓ Faithful in heart
 - ✓ On speaking terms with God
- **Full of Information**
 - ✓ Studied on the subject or passage
 - ✓ Meditated on meaning and application
- **Organized Presentation**
 - ✓ Lesson progresses in understandable fashion
 - ✓ Material and visuals used in an orderly way
- **Excited About the Class**
 - ✓ Excited about what God's word is saying
 - ✓ Excited about the opportunity to teach
 - ✓ Excited about what the students can learn

WHAT MAKES A CLASS INTERESTING?

Interactive Learning

Letting students discover truths by interaction and discussion among themselves

Active Learning

Letting the student discover a truth by participating in an activity emphasizing that truth

Discovery Learning

Letting the student discover the truth and application of the truth to his life

A Teacher's Prayer

*I want to teach my students how to live this life on earth;
To face its struggles and its strife and still know what they are worth;
Not just a lesson in a book, or how the rivers flow;
But how to choose the proper path wherever they may go;
To understand eternal truth, and know the right from wrong;
And gather all the beauty of a flower and a song.
For if I help the world to grow in God's wisdom and His grace,
Then I shall feel that I have won and I have filled my place.
And so I ask your guidance, God, that I may do my part,
For character, confidence, salvation, and happiness of heart.
In Jesus name,
Amen*

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