Good Teaching Practices

By David Reynolds



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Introduction

"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."

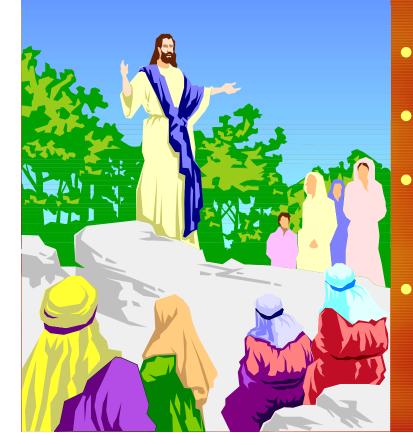
Isaiah 28:9-10

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Objective

 To determine, understand, and to use the methods used by the best teacher

Teacher Directed



Jesus was always in control Jesus directed the learning Jesus knew His lesson material Resulting in "Teaching with Authority"

Direct Instruction

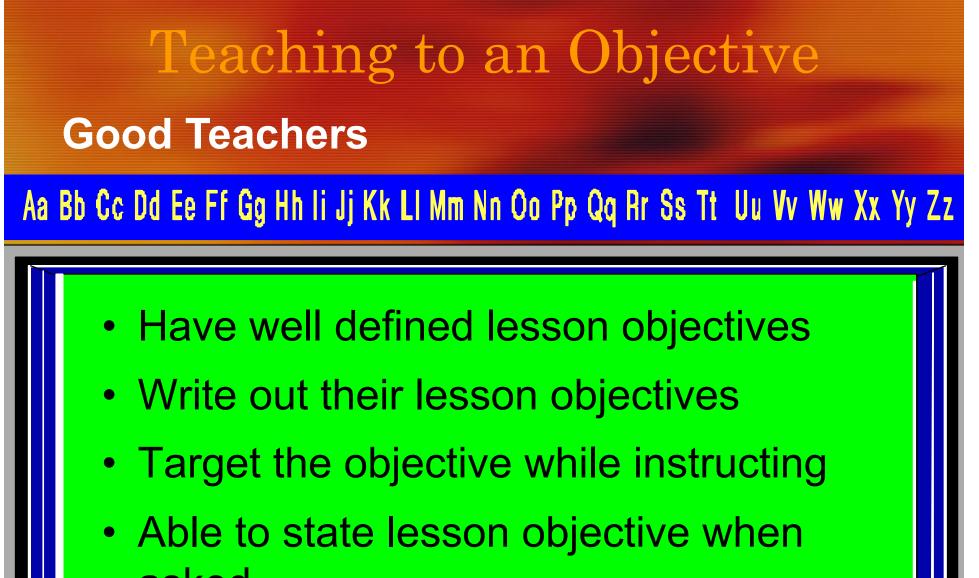
Teacher is actively involved in the teaching process
Jesus actively taught

Matthew 5:1-2

Student Targeted

The Teacher

- Must focus on the learner
 - Not the lesson
- Must know student's strengths & weaknesses
- Must know the academic level
- Must know the interest
- So As: To individualize instruction for each learner

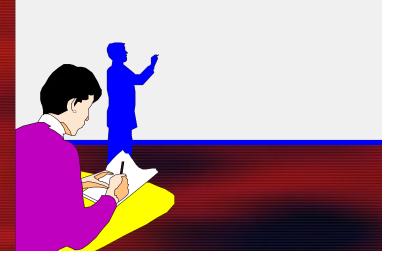


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Teaching to a Lesson Plan

A Good Lesson

- Will have a design
- Will be written down
- Will have
 - Introduction
 - Body
 - Summary



Teaching in Natural Sequence

A Master Teacher

Teaches from the known to the unknown
Teaches from the simple to the complex
Teaches from the natural to the spiritual

Adjusting the Level of Difficulty

Instruction

- Must challenge a student
- Must not be too hard—or too easy
- Must allow for student success
- Student must experience success at least 80% of the time in order to motivate



Monitoring & Adjusting

A Teacher Must

- Constantly monitor students
 - For understanding
- Adjust instruction when students experience frustration
- Monitor by
 - Listening to questions
 - Asking questions
 - Moving from student to student
 - Short quizzes



Student Participation

Student Must Be



- Active participant in his or her own instruction
- Held responsible for his or her own learning
- Called on to recite & respond
- Called on in random order

Warm, Yet Structured Climate

- Classrooms must be warm & nonthreatening
- Classrooms must be structured & businesslike
- Classrooms must be clean & orderly
- Discipline must be based upon mutual respect and not on compulsion

Teacher is Moving

Good Teachers

- Are constantly moving
- Move furniture when necessary
- Move toward disturbance

 Exhausted at the end of the day

Closure

Good Teachers

- Restate the objectives
- Summarize the main points
 - Recap the lesson
 before students leave the classroom