

BACK TO SCHOOL 2013

THE LAW OF THE TEACHER:

True biblical teaching doesn't take place unless the student has learned. If they haven't learned, the teacher hasn't taught.

What does the Bible mean by "teach" and what does it mean by "learn"?

"And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: 'Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them.'"
Deuteronomy 5:1

"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you."
Deuteronomy 4:1

THE LAW OF THE STUDENT:

The student is responsible to learn, regardless of the quality of the teacher. When you are the student, learn like you are 100 percent responsible.

Joseph Bayly has said, "Never let school interfere with your child's education!"

Former U.S. Secretary of Education Shirley M. Hufstедler said, "The secret to being a successful teacher is . . . to accept in a very personal way the responsibility for each student's success or failure. Those teachers who do take personal responsibility for their students' successes and failure . . . produce higher-achieving students."

THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates." Deuteronomy 5:6-9 (NIV)

7 LEARNER MAXIMIZERS:

Quick tips to help you use the law of the learner:

Love your students consistently and unconditionally. Apply 1 Cor. 13 to your students.

Express the subject in terms of the students' needs and interests.

Alter your style regularly according to each situation. Master teachers can make a "boring" subject interesting.

Rest in your talents and gifts and be yourself.

Note constantly your student's attitudes, attention and actions, read their body language.

Excel by using your strengths to compensate for your weaknesses.

Rely on the Holy Spirit for teaching.

This is supernatural ... above your natural ability to teach.

There are 3 levels of teaching:

(1) **Selfish level** - the teacher uses his natural gift, covering content but nothing more.

(2) **Servant level** - the teacher serves his students with all his energy and focuses on them and their needs.

(3) **Spirit level** - as with the servant level but also in cooperation with the Holy Spirit.