

Morning Lesson

SERVANTHOOD – JANUARY

Matt. 20:26-28

HOW CAN WE SERVE AS TEACHERS?

(Teach What We Practice)

James 1:22

INTRO:

1. Jesus told of some teachers who taught lesson they did not obey. **Matt. 23:2, 3**
2. When a person does not follow his own teaching, rarely does another value that information.
3. How can I be a consistent, influential, life-changing teacher?

I. REMEMBER AND REFLECT ON THE TEACHERS WHO INFLUENCED ME.

- A. Listen to the words of a preacher friend of mine.
- B. Peter felt the influence of Jesus. **1 Pet. 2:21-25**

II. STUDY THE BIBLE TO OBEY FIRST, TEACH NEXT, IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY.

- A. Paul understood this. **1 Cor. 9:27**
- B. Though we are to become teachers (**Heb. 5:12**), we are missing the main point of study if we only are preparing to teach.

III. REALIZE THAT I WILL FALL SHORT OF MY GOAL.

- A. Paul encouraged others to follow him. **1 Cor. 4:16;**
1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:6
- B. This same Paul wrote the following: **Rom. 7:19**

IV. BE WILLING AND READY TO ADMIT AND CHANGE MY INCONSISTENCIES.

- A. **1 John 1:9.**
- B. In this action and attitude, we are teaching how to confess, repent, and accept God's grace.

CONC:

1. Am I a better teller or doer?
2. I need to improve both.
3. Or do I?
4. Or am I deceiving myself?