

WHO SHOULD BE A TEACHER IN THE CHURCH?

Those who are...

- ***Spiritually mature*** (James 3:1-2; 1 Tim. 3:6), not beginners or novices
- ***Able to teach*** (1 Tim. 3:2; 2 Tim. 2:24), they must have the genuine ability to explain and apply truth clearly
- ***Grounded in sound doctrine*** (Titus 1:9; 2 Tim. 1:13), they should know and firmly hold to the truth
- ***Able to defend truth and correct error*** (Titus 1:9; 2 Tim. 2:24-26)
- ***Diligent in handling Scripture accurately*** (2 Tim. 2:15)
- ***Faithful to pass truth on*** (2 Tim. 2:2)
- ***Exemplary in their life and conduct*** (1 Tim. 4:12, 16; Titus 2:7)
- ***Self-controlled*** (Titus 1:8; 1 Tim. 3:2)
- ***Gentle and patient*** (2 Tim. 2:24-25)
- ***Humble*** (James 3:1-2, 13; Rom. 12:3-7)
- ***Loving*** (1 Cor. 13:1-2; Eph. 4:15)
- ***Godly in private as well as in public*** (1 Tim. 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-8)
- ***Watchful over their own lives*** (1 Tim. 4:16)
- ***Devoted to Scripture*** (2 Tim. 3:14-4:2)

WHO SHOULD NOT BE A TEACHER IN THE CHURCH?

- Those who want the position without understanding its seriousness (James 3:1)
- Those who can't control their tongues (James 3:2-12), those who are routinely dishonest, vulgar, divisive, boastful, if you can't practice self-control with your words, then you shouldn't teach
- Those who contradict sound doctrine (Rom. 2:21-23; Matt. 23:2-3)
- Those who don't understand what they're teaching (1 Tim. 1:6-7), enthusiasm isn't enough, there must be understanding and diligence
- Those who want to speak but not actually teach Scripture (1 Tim. 1:3-4; 6:3-5)
- Those motivated by pride (1 Tim. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 8:1)
- Those who are quarrelsome (2 Tim. 2:23-25)
- Those who are motivated by money or personal gain (Titus 1:10-11; 1 Tim. 6:5; 2 Pet. 2:3)
- Those who teach only what people want to hear (2 Tim. 4:3-4)
- Those who distort Scripture (2 Pet. 2:1; 3:16)