Who Can Teach Me How to Teach?

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Introduction:

1. Some of the difficult times to communicate is during times of problems.
	1. Sometimes these are stated clearly and plainly.
		1. In the family.
			1. “The water pipe has started to leak and water is covering the basement.”
			2. “Your wife has just been admitted to the emergency room with a broken arm, after falling down the steps.”
		2. In the church.
			1. Widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Acts 6:1
			2. Certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” Acts 15:
	2. Sometimes they are communicated through signals.
		1. In the family. (Signals: *What You Child Is Really Telling You*, Paul Ackerman, Murray Kappelman)
			1. Temper tantrums.
			2. Frequent physical complaints.
		2. In the church.
			1. Sudden and dramatic change of involvement.
			2. Drop in attendance over a short period of time.
			3. Withholding contribution.
2. How can we communicate effectively during these times?
3. Who can teach us how?
4. Jesus and those who follow Him.
5. GET TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER.
	1. Truth frees. John 8:32
	2. The source of truth.
		1. Jesus is the embodiment of truth. John 14:6; 2 Timothy 2:11-13
		2. The Bible is the source of learning the truth about Jesus and His will, and it’s powerful. John 17:17; 2 Timothy 2:8, 9
	3. Paul lived that truth. 2 Timothy 2:9, 10
		1. Paul obeyed the truth when he learned it. Acts 26:9, 19
		2. A good communicator is quick to say, “I’m sorry.” Acts 23:1-5
	4. Asking questions is a good way to learn truth about others and to help them discover truth themselves. Genesis 3:6-13; Matthew 15:1-3; Acts 22:22-28
6. CONTROL YOURSELF.
	1. I don’t need to control others.
	2. But I do need to practice control of myself. 1 Corinthians 9:27
		1. The person with self-control avoids extremes.
			1. I don’t need to think too highly of myself and be a domineering dictator. Romans 12:3; Matthew 20:25-27
			2. But neither do I need to consider myself a doormat. Acts 16:35-40
		2. Jesus teaches me that I don’t have to answer every question that is asked. Matthew 21:23-27
		3. Jesus showed me that I don’t need to do everything everyone asks me to do, thus avoiding unwise commitments. Mark 10:35-40
7. WHEN LIFE IS UNFAIR, ACT RATHER THAN REACT.
	1. Accept that fact that life is not always fair, even to good people. 1 Peter 2:21, 22
	2. I can control my attitude, remembering that God will make things right eventually. 1 Peter 2:23; 2 Timothy 1:12; Romans 12:19-21

Conclusion:

1. There will be problems in all areas of life.
2. “I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden.

Along with the sunshine, there’s gotta be a little rain sometimes.

1. The wise person will work on good communication during these times.
2. “But with your own family and with Christians, shouldn’t we be able to get along without all this conflict and problems?”
	1. Jesus’ apostles – the men He selected and trained – weren’t able to get along without problems and conflict. Luke 22:24
	2. The closer we are, there is greater potential for help and hurt, the more care we should take.
3. I could sing you a tune and promise you the moon,

But if that’s what it takes to hold you, I’d just as soon let you go.

But there’s one thing I want you to know:

You’d better look before you leap, still waters run deep

And there won’t always be someone there to pull you out.

And you know what I’m talking about...

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1. For the sake of those closest to you, learn from Jesus and those who follow Him to be able to communicate during the stormy times of life.