

Things Effective Teachers do in the Classroom

I. Fostering Active Learning

- *Active learning does not mean outward activity.*
- *Active learning.*
 - ✓ *Engages students.*
 - ✓ *Challenges them to wrestle with information.*
 - ✓ *Challenging students to test the validity of information being given.*
 - ✓ *Finds ways of using what has been learned.*

II. Motivating Students

- *The principal of motivation: “ Unless people are excited to learn something, they’re learning will be superficial and short-lived.”*
- *Affirmation*
- *Conveying to the student that you believe what you are teaching:*
 - ✓ *Good preparation.*
 - ✓ *Enthusiasm about material.*
- *Case study – a real life situation post as an actual problem that needs to be solved. Asked the class to solve the problems in light of lesson.*

III. Clarity of Communication.

- *Simplicity (Hiking Illustration) Be willing to streamline (leave some material out) for the sake of clarity.*
- *Exploit the teachable moments.*
- *Avoid lofty and unknown technical terms.*
- *Be redundant, “tell them what you’re going to say, say it and summarize what you said”, is effective.*
- *Summary point.*

IV. Challenging Students.

- *Ask questions that stimulate the class to think.*
- *Use quotations.*
- *Do not be too quick as the teacher to settle controversy when it arises in class.*

V. *Make the Class Minutes Count*

- *Be realistic in your expectations of what a class can accomplish.*
- *If the goal of the class is Bible study, but the members of the class wish to socialize, schedule out of class time for social activities.*
- *Avoid digressions:*
 - ✓ *Start on time.*
 - ✓ *Avoid time-consuming reviews of previous lessons.*
 - ✓ *Avoid rabbit trails (going away from the lesson).*
 - ✓ *Avoid hobby horses (using class time for your personal platform).*

VI. *Making the Truth Personal*

- *Teaching is more than giving out information.*
 - ✓ *Liberating*
 - ✓ *Helping students to understand what it means to live faithfully before God.*
 - ✓ *It is ministering to people.*
- *Requires:*
 - ✓ *Love.*
 - ✓ *Acceptance.*
 - ✓ *Vulnerability.*
 - ✓ *Genuine Caring.*
 - ✓ *A Teacher needs to be an extrovert to be a caring teacher.*
 - ✓ *We tend to teach the way we were taught.*
 - ✓ *During your lesson preparation, ponder what you can share from your own life regarding the topic. (Your own life).*
 - ✓ *Devote creative thought to how a Bible passage or truth applies to everyday life. Your students will know that you are concerned with living the Christian truth. Not simply knowing it with head knowledge.*

VII. *Focus on the Big Idea.*

- *The biggest cause of failure in a Bible study is lack of focus.*
- *Write down a subject topic and compliment every Bible passage that you teach and then start slanting the entire lesson around that “ Big Idea”.*
- *The subject answers the question. “What am I talking about ?” The compliment answers the Question, “What exactly am I saying about what I am talking about.”*