THE BURDEN OF TEACHING

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God bless you

Introduction

You are all welcome in Jesus Christ's name.

Today's study is one that all teachers of God's word must go through, for there are some things the Lord Jesus Christ is set to open our eyes to.

Bible Text: James 3:1-2

Jas.3.1 - My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

Jas.3.2 - For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

Study

The word master in that portion of the scriptures means "teacher". Brother James was talking to the Christians present during his time, considering that many loved to teach and be called masters. They wanted to have prominence among the brethren in the church. Then he called their attention to this, saying they should not all become teachers, given its weight. This was what was common in the church. Apostle John wrote a letter to to the church.**3 John 1:9 KJV** I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

Diotrephes loved to be known, and because teaching in the church brings a person out to be known, many loved to do it, not counting its consequences. This is exactly what is happening today in the church of God, which makes this letter still relevant to date. Everyone wants to become teachers and to be respected as masters.Many whom the Lord has not called have called themselves into the teaching ministry. Those whom God has called into other ministries, where they would not be seen, have "upgraded" or given themselves transfer to the teaching ministry

just because of honor and recognition. There are those who are still babes spiritually and unskilled in the word of God who are now teaching others because they are eloquent in speech. Being eloquent in speech is not a sign of approval before God. You can be eloquent in your teaching, blunders. Many look as though they know God's word and study it, yet they know nothing or little about the will of God and the truth contained in it.

Are you following carefully?

There are many teachers today whose words come to men as mere words, without power and authority. One of the signs that a man is approved by God is that his words would carry power and authority, which is able to transform lives into godliness. When we teach men and they do not lead godly lives, then we might be teaching out of the flesh. James says, let many not be teachers. We must be careful and afraid of what befalls them who teach others and not teach themselves. It is easy to say, do, and one himself does not do. And this position places one for judgment, for one knows the right thing to do and does not do it. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." – **James 4:17**

Therefore, if we can save others, we should. For the Pharisees, we are like this. They carry burdens upon men and would not move an inch with them, so they are the teachers who teach and would not do what they teach. "Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers." – **Matthew 23:1-4**

There are many Pharisees today who forget the repercussion of what they choose to do just because they want to become popular. Taking the matters of the kingdom is meant to bring popularity. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren." – **Matthew 23:8. Jesus** warns in this portion of the scriptures about seeking to take the position of Christ in the lives of people just because of the love of positions, and this is pride in the sight of the Lord. It is good to desire spiritual gifts and want to work for the Lord, but this must be regulated by the Holy Spirit, and it must not be out of an ulterior motive.

Timothy was a young man whom the Lord chose to teach others, and he was well cautioned, being taught to get his approval from God through constant study of God's Word. The major concern is that anyone who would teach others must be able to rightly divide the Word of Truth."Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **– 2 Timothy 2:15.** Sadly enough, today, there are many who do not know the Word of Truth and are wrongly dividing them, and Paul speaks about these people, saying they do not understand what they say, yet people sit under them because they speak eloquent motivational speeches for the gospel.

Many of these people teach others but would not teach themselves, whereas if those few who are to be teachers recognized the danger in it, they would teach themselves so that they would not be judged at the end. Teaching involves using the words of the mouth. And by the words of the mouth one can be condemned or justified. Apostle James says that we all offend and fall in many ways. **Matthew 12:37 KJ**V For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

"For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." – **James 3:2 KJV. Those** who are able to control their tongue can control themselves in every way.

From his words, we can deduce some things:
1. Those who are able to control their words will find it easy to control every other aspect of their lives.

2. Those who do not say the wrong things are those who have developed character and are regarded as perfect.

If teachers would then receive stricter judgment, then we must learn not to make mistakes with our words. Teachers mostly make use of words to communicate eternal truth. As such, deep study should be made in order to avoid making mistakes that can position one for judgment. There are those who do not know about something, yet would keep teaching these things. In fact, they would argue when they do not know. It is advisable to keep quiet when someone does not have much knowledge or understanding about a particular subject matter instead of stumbling in words.

This calls for a sober reflection in our words, not to give ourselves over to heresies, most especially damnable heresies. Seeking to be teachers of God's Word, who is not upheld by God, would be so detrimental to one's soul at the end of the day. Those who teach must also be careful of how they do and walk, for what they teach must manifest in their lives. They must teach themselves."Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?" **– Romans 2:21**

Those who teach should not condemn others or judge others, for they themselves are liable to falling and making mistakes sometimes."Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven." **– Luke 6:37.** When talking about judgment, it does not mean that one should not point out wrongs. It is simply talking about one concluding on the eternal destination of people without giving them opportunity or option of repentance.

Are you still with me please?

I would like to put a question to you. Have you been called into the teaching ministry? Have you studied to show yourself approved to God? Have you not been teaching heresies? And are you so sure and convicted by the Holy Spirit about the things you teach? Or are you just following hearsay or the things that are popularly taught by others? Before you can begin teaching, you should have sat down and let the Holy Spirit teach you. After doing these, through constant and persistent study of God's Word, then the Lord approves you. Those who are approved by God are those whom God Himself does tell others that it is He that is sending them or that has sent them to do His work, that is, to teach others.

Have you been approved? Or are you still among those who keep arguing and teaching others the things that are scripturally incorrect? The Lord is calling you to order today so that you would not position yourself for God's judgment. Those who fall into sin should repent immediately. Even as teachers, we must quickly amend our ways when we make mistakes and not continue in them. If teachers would receive stricter judgment because they are the ones who teach and are believed to have more understanding, then we should be careful not to position ourselves for judgment when we know that we are not

capable—unless we do what is expected of us so that we might end well. Do you want to end well? This is the time to think about what you have been teaching in the body of Christ. There are many popular men of God today who keep teaching, and what they are teaching is outside the scope of the scriptures, not minding that they will receive judgment for what they are doing. It is better not to teach than to take the position of teaching and teach heresy because God will not take it lightly with the person. This is because what is being taught—every error that is being taught in the body of Christ—can be so difficult to undo in the lives of people. This is why it is better to keep silent than to teach what is unbiblical.

We will not position ourselves for God's judgment in Jesus' name. Amen.

We have critically looked into the dangers of being teachers not approved by God, but we have to look into what makes a teacher approved by God. If we look into our Bible text carefully, we would see that Apostle James says, "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation" **– James 3:1 KJV.** But from this, we can see that there are those who should be teachers, for the body of Christ must not be without teachers. In fact, Paul says that the teaching ministry is also important "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" **Ephesians 4:12, KJV**

As there are false teachers today in the body of Christ, we have true teachers, though not many. We must know if we are one of those whom God has called into the teaching ministry or not, or if God has given us the gift of teaching. This is because it is dangerous to teach without divine approval.

Therefore, we must ask ourselves these questions:
- Have I been called by God to teach?

- Do I have the gift of teaching?

- Do I truly understand God's word, or am I teaching based on human reasoning?

- Am I led by the Holy Spirit, or am I led to teach for personal recognition?

Being a teacher in a school or a lecturer of Christian Religious Studies does not approve one as a teacher of God's Word. We are going to look into what makes one a true teacher, but before then, you must answer the above questions truthfully, and your answers must be positive. The problem we have today in the body of Christ is the result of half-baked teachers—those whom God has not approved but who got their approvals from men. Those who are not called by God into the teaching office must have the gift of teaching given by the Holy Spirit.

As a man called into the teaching office, you would certainly have the gift of teaching, but you can have the gift of teaching without being called into the office of a teacher. This means that you can be an evangelist and have the gift of teaching. You can be a woman and have the gift of teaching. This does not mean that you have been called into the office. As for women who would teach because they have the gift of teaching, they should teach their fellow women in the church, not men. For men who have the gift, they should teach in the church, but the one to head the teaching unit in the church should be a called teacher, for he has the grace to operate in that office.

Are you with me?

Every office and gift of the Holy Spirit operating in the body of Christ must function within the scope of the Scriptures. This is why the next question is important to be asked and answered:

Do I really understand God's Word, or am I teaching based on human reasoning?

Please note that not everyone who reads God's Word understands it. I can remember when I gave my life to Christ—for some years, I did not understand the Scriptures. Then suddenly, the Lord opened my understanding. In the same way, there are those whom the Lord is yet to open their understanding, yet they have become teachers. Teaching based on human wisdom is proof that one lacks understanding of God's Word. Those who have been called into the teaching ministry or have the gift of teaching would have their understanding opened. The Lord could not send His disciples away to do the work of ministry without first opening their understanding.

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures" **Luke 24:45 KJV.** Having understanding is having knowledge, but not just mere knowledge of God's Word. It has to do with deep and true understanding of God's truth, not a shallow one that is rooted in falsehood. What many carry about are messages that are outside the will of God—this is a lack of understanding.

The last question:

Am I led by the Holy Spirit, or am I teaching for personal gains and recognition?

This is a very important question to ask oneself. Many do not even know when they are led by the Holy Spirit, yet they have become teachers. The motive behind your teaching must be checked. If you are teaching God's Word for money and earthly possessions, then you are not approved to teach, for many teach with impure motives, they try as much as possible to dish out rhemas. Even when these rhemas are against the Word of God, they persist. Imagine a preacher saying that God does not live in heaven or that Adam and Eve were not the first humans God created—all because they want to be popular. We must not become false teachers because of earthly gains that will soon pass away.

Let's now talk about how to know a true teacher.

How to Know a True Teacher

1. His words carry power and authority, leading people into godly living.

2. He has deep knowledge of the truth of God's Word, bringing light and understanding.

3. He lives a life that reflects what he teaches.

If we look into this carefully, we would see that if these things are missing in anyone who calls himself a teacher, then it is most likely that they are false. Paul says, "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" **1 Corinthians 2:4, KJV** Those who are approved by God have their words backed up by the Spirit of God. When they teach, their words have the capability to transform lives. Ordinary words do not transform anyone—it is what is spoken by the power of the Spirit that

changes lives to become godly. Constantly listening to or reading the teachings of true ministers would certainly make one grow in godliness. One would certainly start behaving like Christ. But when these teachings are not approved by God, one's spiritual life remains static. Another sign of a true teacher is having deep knowledge of God's Word, which brings light and understanding to the people. "So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading" **Nehemiah 8:8, KJV.** This is the duty of a true teacher. They analyze the Scriptures distinctly so that people can understand them deeply. These were the duties given to some Levites in the days of Nehemiah.

Anyone who would explain the Scriptures in-depth must have a deep understanding of what he wants to explain. When a person expounds the Word of God and people find it hard to understand—when they leave without getting satisfactory answers to their questions—then the teacher has not done well, and something is lacking.

Is someone with me?

The last sign of a true teacher, as mentioned, is that his life reflects what he teaches. He is a doer of what he teaches. He is not like the Pharisees, who teach but do not practice what they preach. Therefore, he is an example of the Word he teaches. One must carefully look into the lives of those who teach to see if their lives mirror their teachings. If their words betray their lifestyles, then there is a problem somewhere.

We must understand that:
1. TEACHING IS A DIVINE GIFT – "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." **Ephesians 4:11, KJV**

2. A TRUE TEACHER BRINGS LIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING – "So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading." **Nehemiah 8:8, KJV**

3. FAITHFUL TEACHERS WILL RECEIVE ETERNAL REWARDS – "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." **Daniel 12:3, KJV**

Those who are faithful in teaching will not go unrewarded, as they will be well compensated for their labor when they finally make it to the kingdom of God.

Teaching ministry is a great responsibility. If you are called into it or have the gift, you have a lot of work to do:

1. You must study deeply to rightly divide the word of truth – "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **2 Timothy 2:15, KJV**

2. You must teach by the guidance of the Holy Spirit – "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." **John 14:26, KJV**

3. You must live a life that reflects what you teach. Thinking on these things, have you been called to teach?

Remember that before you start teaching, you must:
1. Receive God's call or the gift of teaching from the Holy Spirit. Teaching is not a position of self-promotion.

2. Be taught by the Holy Spirit. You must first sit under divine teaching. The Holy Spirit is the greatest teacher who makes no mistakes.

3. Develop spiritual maturity. Do not be a babe spiritually when you embark on teaching, for a teacher must rightly divide the word of truth. You grow when you sit to learn under anointed teachers. Be careful of sitting under false teachers who would lead you astray.

4. Be approved by God. God confirms and anoints His true ministers, including teachers, so you will not be exempted if He is the one sending you.

If you have been teaching errors, repent and seek God's correction. If you have been called to teach, remain humble, diligent, and Spirit-led. If you have not been called to teach or without the gift, do not seek a position out of pride. Teaching is a great honor but also a great responsibility. Those who teach must handle God's Word with fear, reverence, and faithfulness.

This is the end of today's teaching. Have a lovely day.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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