

Teaching Faithful Men

God's plan is precious, and it works when we follow it. Usually, we think of His plan in terms of initial conversion or church structure or even personal holiness, but it goes much further.

God's plan for life on earth as well as His church has more facets than a Cartier diamond. One we often forget is from 2 Timothy 2:2,

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Churches who forget this command fail to prepare the next generation for faithful teachers to help Christians stay on track with faithful, biblical service to God and others. Since knowing the truth (God's truth) is what sets us free and keeps us free (John 8:32), we absolutely must have faithful, educated men who have been taught in such a way that they can teach others also. That is the fulfillment we must seek to obey God's command in 2 Timothy 2:2.

There are various ways Christians can fulfill this command, personally and congregationally. One of those ways we help teach others is parallel to the way Paul was helped financially by the church in Macedonia (2 Corinthians 11:9; Philippians 4:15). That way is simple: as we teach at home, we also *financially* support the teaching of faithful men in faithful biblical schools.

This congregation has astounded me in how beautifully and generously you have supported faithful men who are teaching others as well as the others they are teaching.

Today, we are blessed with the opportunity hear teaching and preaching from a student (currently a senior) at the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, Kyle Click (son of our members Scott and Kim Click). This congregation has helped make it financially possible for Kyle (and his wife Lyndsay) to learn to teach others also.

Next week we will be blessed to hear teaching and preaching from Donnie Bates, instructor and academic dean at the same school. Once a year this congregation has a special contribution to help financially support Donnie and his wife Noma to be able to perform godly service in their roles there. *(Remember to bring your special contribution check for Donnie next week!)*

May we continue to do our part to obey God's command to teach faithful men who will be able teach others also. And may God continue to bless these two families as they present themselves to Him for service in His kingdom.

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