



Welcome To Open Bible Hour

*Thank you for joining us on this
Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in
the grace and knowledge of our
Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an
in-depth study of the first 2
chapters of Acts.*

*If you have a prayer request, for
which you would like us to pray,
please fill out a prayer sheet at the
back table and give to Lyle.*

**Our website:
OpenBibleHour.net**

Looking Ahead –

Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 (next 2 Sundays) – No Class.

**Jan. 8 – Room change for 1 Sunday – we will meet
in rooms 283/285 (down the hallway from the
Wooddale Café).**

“THE 4 PILLARS OF CHURCH LIFE”

PART 2

“Teaching”

December 18, 2011

Acts 2:41-42

41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

“teaching”

1. *The Word equips/matures believers.*

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2. *Shepherd-Teachers equip believers with the Word.*

Eph 4:11-16

11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,

16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

3. Shepherd-Teachers:

A. Are held to a higher standard.

James 3:1

1 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

B. Must teach it all – breadth & depth.

Acts 20:27

27 "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the **whole** purpose of God.

Why?

2 Tim 3:16

16 **All Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

*Shepherd-Teachers do not have the right to edit God.

*At the point that a Shepherd-Teacher fails to teach the Word, is the point at which Satan will attack.

*Shepherd-Teachers must not treat the teaching of the Word as just another television show which caters to a short attention span.

1 Tim 3:1-7

- 1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.
- 2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,
- 3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money.
- 4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity
- 5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),
- 6 and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.
- 7 And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Titus 1:6-9

- 6 namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.
- 7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,
- 8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,
- 9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

Qualifications for a Pastor-Teacher

Character

Above reproach
Man – husband of one wife
Temperate/Self controlled
Prudent
Respectable
Hospitable
Not addicted to wine
Gentle
Peaceable
Free from the love of money/Not fond of sordid gain
Manages household well
Children under control
Not a new convert
Good reputation outside the church
Not accused of dissipation and rebellion
Not self-willed
Not quick tempered
Not pugnacious
Sensible
Just
Devout

Abilities

Able to Teach

1 Peter 5:1-4

- 1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,
- 2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;
- 3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.
- 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Matt 23:10

10 "Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ.

**The office of a Pastor-Teacher is different from the President of a corporation or the President of our country.

John 21:15-18

15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?"

And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

1 Tim 4:11

11 **Prescribe** and teach these things.

1 Tim 4:13

13 Until I come, give attention to the **public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.**

1 Tim 4:16

16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your **teaching**; persevere in these things,

1 Tim 5:7

7 **Prescribe** these things as well,

1 Tim 5:17

17 The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at **preaching and teaching.**

1 Tim 6:2

2 **Teach and preach** these principles.

1 Tim 6:17

6 **Instruct** those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited

1 Tim 6:18

18 **Instruct** them to do good,

2 Tim 2:14

14 **Remind them** of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words,

2 Tim 2:15

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth.**

2 Tim 2:24

24 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, **able to teach**, patient when wronged,

2 Tim 4:2

2 **preach** the word; be ready in season and out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort**, with great patience and instruction.

Titus 2:1

1 But as for you, **speak** the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

Titus 2:15

15 These things **speak and exhort and reprove** with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

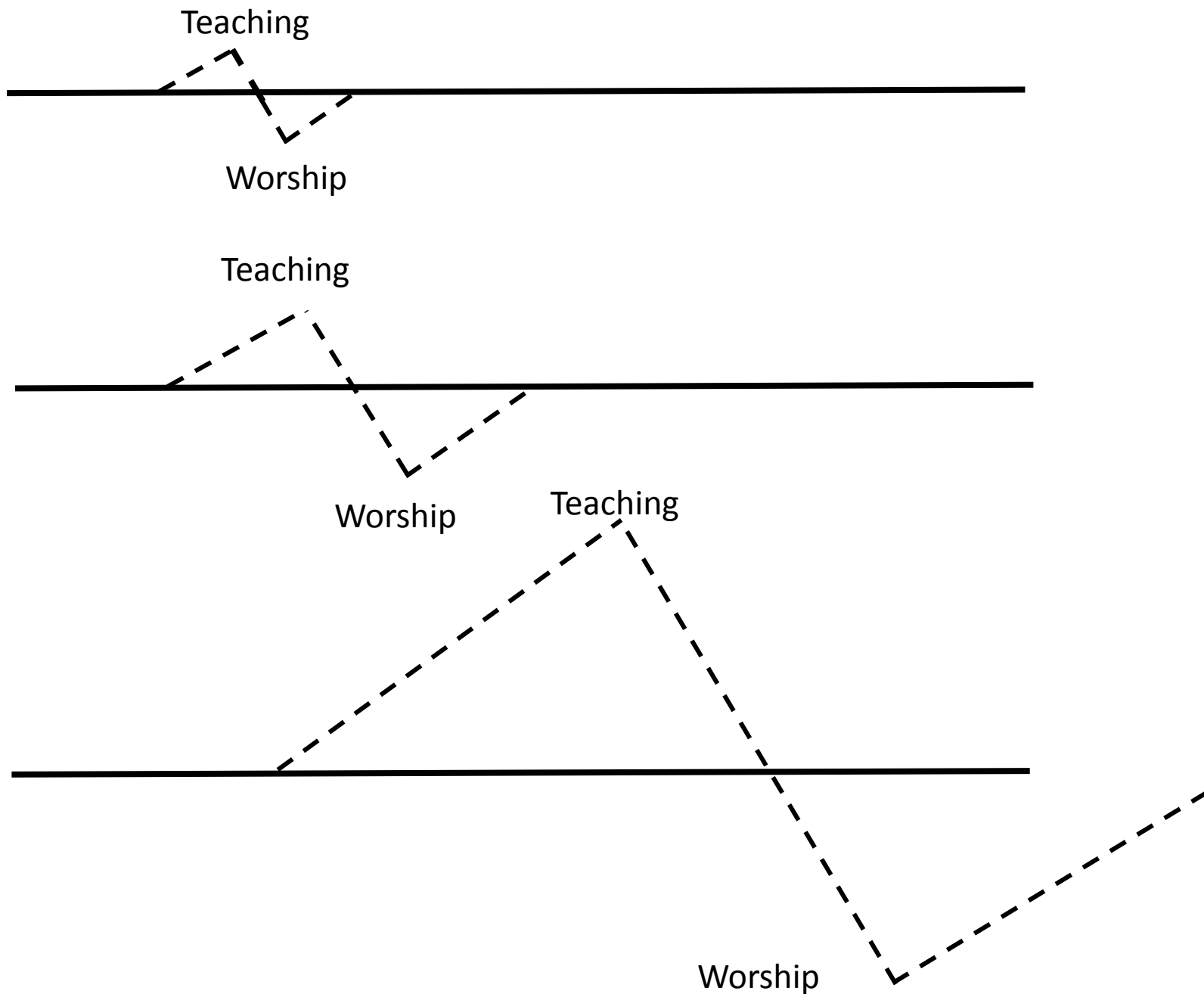
Titus 3:1

1 **Remind** them

Word of God → Man of God → People of God
(Pastor-Teacher)

- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Prepositions
- Adverbs
- Participles
- Conjunctions
- Etymology (history & derivation of words)
- Phonology (the pronunciation of words)
- Morphology (how words are formed)
- Syntax (the relationship of words to each other)
- History, Culture, Geography, & Context
- He is an interpretive expert! He is responsible to teach the people what God means by what He has said.

The Depths of Worship is Proportional to the Heights of Teaching



Application

1. Everything in your Christian life comes from the Word, and the teaching you sit under will have a profound effect on you now and for all eternity.
2. If a pastor is weak in his teaching, the line for counseling will be long and unending.
3. Biblical teaching will make you feel good at times and terrible at other times.
4. Soft words make hard hearts. Hard words make soft hearts. Expect hard words from true Biblical teaching.
5. The spiritual battle with the kingdom of darkness will rage the fiercest against those responsible for bringing the teaching of the Word to believers.