

Proverbs for Teachers 16

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What's the Plan?

Prov. 29:18

Let advance worrying become advance thinking and planning—Winston Churchill

The secret to good teaching is good planning. For example, Sunday school teachers should have the Sunday school superintendent's cell phone number. That way, if they feel a headache coming on—or coming toward their classroom in the body of Harold the Horrific—they can plead for some time off.

Okay, so no self-respecting and capable teacher duly fueled by the Holy Spirit would pull such a stunt. In fact, I don't even know how I managed to think of such a thing! However, such planning falls well within the normal range of temptations that Satan and his demons use to tempt us. Too often, his plans succeed! What a good thing we teach under the supervision of the Savior, the One who has made us saints by His sacrifice on the cross and victory over the tomb.

The Christian teacher plans by using the one manual that covers every relevant topic—the Bible. A wise man said, "Where there is not revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law" (Prov. 29:18). How blessed we are, because we have God's Word that enables us to teach what is necessary.

In the Holy Scriptures God has revealed His will. What is His will? First and most important to us and our students, His will is to save us. He has done that in Jesus! Next, His will is that we love Him and love others—yes, even Harold the Horrific. Part of this love involves planning how to share the Gospel in meaningful ways with those we teach.

Planning involves prayerful study of the Scriptures. A good topical Bible is indispensable for lesson planning. Pick just about any topic, transform it into a word, and a topical Bible online will lead you to what God has revealed on the matter. Blessed is the teacher well prepared in the Scripture! And blessed are that teacher's students!

Pray: *Dear Father, Your Word is a treasure. Help me use it skillfully as I teach the truths of salvation revealed in Your Book by Your Spirit! Amen.*

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