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## **Having the Confidence to Teach**

### **Others**

**By Dan Barker**

#### **1 Peter 3:15**

There are many reasons for having confidence to teach others. Read each point listed below and make the statement yours. Read to yourselves - even out loud, as though you are not just saying it...but you really mean it!

1. I know the truth! John 14:6
2. I am following my Lords' instruction. Mark 16: 15-16
3. I can and will sow the seed....I know I can do that! God will give the increase. I Cor.3:7
4. I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me! (Phil. 4:13). Included in all things would be having confidence to teach others.
5. I know the power is not in me! The power is in the gospel (Romans 1:16)
6. I have simple - easy to follow 2 lesson method to teach

someone. I have a plan! I am prepared!

7. I will have a partner with me - a fellow worker - we will support each other.

8. I will not lose heart. II Cor. 4:16-18

9. Jesus died for me a terrible death. The least I can do for Him is to tell others about Him!

10. I am on the Lords' side. Read in your song book, "Who will follow Jesus?", especially the 4th stanza "Who will follow Jesus in His work of love, leading others to Him, lifting prayers above, courage faithful servant in His word we see, On our side forever, will this Savior be.....chorus...."Who will follow Jesus, who will make reply?" "I am on the Lords' side. Master, here am I!"

11. I can have confidence to teach others because I am only using the scriptures as my guide.....not my opinions or the opinions of others.

12. I can also know that the student seeing that I am only

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using Gods' Word....will respect and have confidence in me!

13. Finally, remember even the apostle Paul expressed lack of confidence, along with fear and weakness in teaching others at times. I Cor. 2:1-5! So, how did he continue to move forward with confidence? Hear him in Ephesians 6:18-20. That too, is how we teach others, and do so boldly!

### **Next week Dan will write about."I am persuaded"**

## **Effects of No Church**

### **Discipline**

**By Irven Lee**

Failure to carry out any command of God is a serious failure. The New Testament emphasizes the duties of the individual, but there are certain responsibilities assigned to groups of Christians (churches) because we are to work together as a family or body under Christ, our Chief Shepherd (**Rom 16:16; Titus 1:5; 1 Tim 5:17; 1 Pet 5:1-5**).

### **1) No Discipline Causes Men To Be Lost:**

-- God does not want any to perish because every soul is precious to Him (**Matt 16:26; 2 Pet 3:9**). If a brother sins, he endangers his

own soul. Any Christian near him should seek to convert or restore him to God (**James 5:19,20; Gal 6:1**). If efforts of this type fail, the important task of rescuing this one form perishing falls upon the church (**1 Cor 5**). Let every member be aware of the fact that the effort is to save the sinner as well as to protect the reputation of the church (**1 Cor 5:4-8**). We must admonish the sinner as a brother because we are interested in his spiritual welfare. We want him to be ashamed of his sinful way, so we withdraw from him (**2 Thess. 3:6,14,15**).

### **2) No Discipline Allows Leaven's Wickedness To Enter**

**The Lump:** -- The church at Corinth was "*puffed up*" with its own wisdom rather than depending on the counsel of God concerning the member who was a fornicator. Allowing one couple to live in violation of the law was a way of letting the leaven of wickedness to enter the "*lump*." It was true then as it is now that "*a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump*" (**1 Cor 5:6-8**). If the church closes its eyes to one case, there will likely soon be another and then others.

### **3) No Discipline Will Keep Men From Enduring Sound**

**Doctrine:** -- Timothy was charged to "*preach, reprove, rebuke and exhort*" in an urgent way, if he would push off the day when they would not endure sound doctrine (**2 Tim 4:1-5**).

The mouths of those who speak unsound doctrine should be stopped but who will do this, if the people like the perverted pattern? (**Titus 1:10-14; 2 Pet 2:1-3**). Timothy was urged to be forceful and faithful in his preaching, and the churches were taught to mark, avoid and reject false teachers. They were to purge out the leaven of wickedness and disorder to avoid the evil day when they would not endure sound doctrine (**Rom 16:17,18; Acts 20:29-31; Gal 1:6-10**).

#### **4) No Discipline Encourages**

**The Worldly:** -- If a church looks the other way and refuses to notice when more and more members become ungodly, that church will become a gathering place for the worldly. It will also lose the respect of the community. Its zeal for Christ will vanish, so it will fall into the same condition that had come to Israel when Isaiah and Jeremiah lived. God was displeased with a church that tolerated doctrine and practices that were contrary to His Will (**Rev 2:14,15**).

**"Power does not corrupt men; fools, however, if they get into a position of power, corrupt power"** (G. B. Shaw).

#### **"A GOOD LIAR"**

**By William Beasley**

My wife enjoys watching real trials that are shown on television. The defendant in one trial was quoted as saying, "I am a good liar." It is interesting that anyone would want to describe himself or herself as a "good liar." It is quite possible that the quotation was taken out of context (seemingly a major task of lawyers), to make it seem pertinent to the trial. Be that as it may, the expression "good liar" is self contradictory. An individual may be a believable liar, an experienced liar, or even a sincere liar, but no one can be a *good liar*. Liars are not *good*.

***"But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death"*** (Rev.21:8,ASV).

### **THE FAITH OF A CHILD**

**A Selected Article**

A grandfather overheard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in reverent, hushed tones. "What are you doing?" he asked. "I'm praying, grandpa." she said. "I can't think of the right words, so I just say all the letters. God will put them together for me, 'cause He knows what I'm thinking."

Oh, for the simple faith and trust of a child!

### **Hypocrites in the Church**

The man who says he is kept away from church by hypocrites is not influenced by them anywhere else.

Business is full of them; but if he by chance sees where he can make some money, he does not hesitate because there are hypocrites making money. Society is crowded with them, and yet he never thinks of becoming a hermit. Married life is full of them, but that does not make him remain a bachelor. Hell will be full of them, and yet he is not doing anything to keep from going there. He makes you think he is trying to avoid hypocrites; and yet, he takes not

one single step toward the only place where no hypocrites can go--heaven.

Honestly now, is he not being a little hypocritical?

**--Author Unknown--**