

TEACHING WITH A BURDEN

Review Sheet

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TEXT: 1Cor. 2:13 *“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”*

INTRODUCTION: Classes do not need to hear what we have to say but what God has to say through us. God uses people to deliver his word. The Bible is not a collection of devotional articles; it is men and women living out the word of God before others. The governing principle of the Bible is the Word becoming flesh. The word of God first enters a person, then out of his depths it flows to others. From this comes the burden of ministering the word.

What is this burden?

A burden is that which is illuminated in the heart of a teacher from the Word of God through the Holy Spirit for the purpose of being transferred to others who after hearing can apply for edification. It is the message that the Holy Spirit is teaching the teacher. You cannot be a teacher of the Word unless you are first a student of the Word.

Why is teaching with a burden important?

When there is no burden in the heart of the teacher, the Word is left alone. It takes both to produce the ministry of the Word for the benefit of the hearer. And faith only comes by the hearing of the Word. How can they hear without a preacher?

I. _____ **THE BURDEN** – Where does this burden come from?

The Spirit’s enlightenment of the Word in us regarding the message or lesson of the day.

A. _____ it – *Hab. 1:1 “The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.”*

B. _____ it – *Mal. 1:1 “The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.”* When we receive light from God and get a thought, a burden is formed within us. This is illumination or enlightenment from the Holy Spirit by the Word. Remember, the Holy Spirit always works through the Word.

II. _____ **ON THE BURDEN** – What is it doing to you?

A. _____ it – Meditate on it, muse over it, fixate on it, chew it to digest it. At this point we are waiting on the Lord. He is doing a work in us for our edification. We cannot edify others if we have not been edified. At this point the burden continues to grow. The weight of it increases. Often times we as teachers are not willing to wait upon the Lord for the message of the day. But

instead, we fall back on what we already know. The result is the delivery of our message rather than God's.

- B. _____ from it – Illumination of truth from the Holy Spirit through the Word enlightens the teacher. When that truth is applied it causes life change. Light realized in the life of the teacher must dispel any darkness therein.

This rumination is all internal. It is collected in the thought processes. This daily process matures the teacher & causes him to become his message.

Gal.4:17-19 "They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them. But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you. My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,"

III. _____ **THE BURDEN** – What will you do with it?

- A. _____ it to the hearers – once the burden has been realized and ruminated upon it must then be released or discharged to the hearers. The release is now external, no longer in thought form but described by words. The process begins with the Word and ends with words. Your thoughts were for your edification. Your words about those thoughts are for the edification of your hearers. To interpret the light with my thought and go no further is to serve my own purpose, but to interpret thought by converting it into inner words is to minister to others. This is the teacher's responsibility.

- B. _____ it for the hearers – when God uses a teacher to impart light, revelation or illumination, that truth gives nothing less than life. When the burden is discharged life is released. This is how life change takes place. The greater the burden, the greater the power when released, and therefore the greater the life change!

The release of the burden is your delivery to your hearers.

Gal. 1:11,12 "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

John 6:63 "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

CONCLUSION – Though people may praise you and say they were helped by your lesson or message; you know that what was in you has not been released. They have heard the voice of man but have not heard the word of God. Referring again to I Corinthians 2:13, Paul has this to say concerning the word: "*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*"

No one can be a minister of the word without having God-given words. The utterance of the words so given discharges or releases the burden within. The burden has then been given to the hearers. Now is the time for their decision! Will they accept or reject the truth? Do you teach with a burden? Do you want to teach? Do you have to teach? Do you get to teach? Teaching with a burden makes all the difference.

2Cor. 5:14 "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:"

2Cor. 5:11 "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."