

"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments." Ezra 7:10 KJV

The parting command of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is, *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe ALL things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."* You can't truly teach what you've not done yourself, you can't do what you've never learned, and you can't learn what you never studied! *"STUDY to show thyself approved unto God."* It's not enough to live Godly. *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."* If the world doesn't find you "peculiar," you're doing something wrong! You must teach others, but first you must *"sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."* Our life must provoke men to question and then, we must consistently invite them to *"walk in the Light."* If you are not being a witness to the Christ of heaven, you are not walking with Him! By that I mean obeying what God's Word commands, because of an experiential love for Him: founded upon past deliverances and provision; tested in the cauldron of tribulation; and manifesting faith *"more precious than gold."* God does not coerce obedience, but will surely punish disobedience! *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die!"* Do you gratify desire without one thought given in praise and thanksgiving to the God who measures your very breath? When those breaths are finished, will you stand with the Redeemed or with the Damned? Demonstration is the best lesson and the best teachers are those who love their subject! What have others learned from you about Christ? Will you have laurels to cast at the Saviour's feet before the Judgment Seat of Christ, or will you stand reeking of the pit you barely escaped? Who will stand there with you as a result of your life *"teaching them to observe all...[Christ] commanded?"*

I need to do what I would teach,
That I another's soul might reach,
Inspiring words are meaningless,
Without a life of righteousness! ~CGP

Nothing in this world is worth more than the price of one soul. Our Lord cared enough to sacrifice His life that we might *"have life more abundantly."* Is present comfort more desirable than eternal pleasure? If you love God you'll love what He loves. *"For God so loved the world that He gave..."* What have you sacrificed for Christ? To stand with Christ on the summit of eternity, you must climb the rocky paths with Him! Jesus said, *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it."*

"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 KJV

