

THE "DOER" AND THE "TEACHER"

Matt 5:13-20

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Three times our Lord addressed himself to the question; "who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" All three of these are found in the gospel according to Matthew
 1. He taught that whosoever shall humble himself as a little child the same would be greatest in the kingdom of heaven Matt 18:1-4
 2. He also taught that whosoever will be great must first become a minister Matt 20:20-28
 3. In our text Jesus taught that those who do and teach the commandments shall be great in the kingdom of heaven Matt 5:19
- B. Our lesson today will be primarily concerned with this text
- C. Let's examine and see what this text teaches us

DISCUSSION:

I. MAN MUST BE A "DOER"

- A. Jesus said, "whosoever shall do. . ." This text is a part of the Sermon on the Mount; and, Jesus concludes this sermon with the account of the two builders, concerning which he said Matt 7:24-29
 1. Not he that saith, but he that doeth Matt 7:21
 2. Doers of the law justified Rom 2:13
 3. Be doers of the word, not hearers only Jas 1:22-25
- B. There is a Jewish proverb that says: "He who hears the law, and does not practice it, is like a man who plows and sows, but never reaps."
 1. So, the true and supreme test of wisdom is not: reading the Bible, nor attending Bible Study, nor being present at the worship services (as vital and as important as each of these are)
 2. But, rather, living what we read, obeying what we are taught, and practicing what is preached -- yes, this is what matters! (this takes care of things just mentioned above)

II. MAN MUST ALSO BE A TEACHER

- A. Our text reads: "But whosoever shall do **AND** teach. . ."
 1. So, it is not enough just to "live it"
 2. Actually, you can't "live it" without teaching it
- B. 1Pet 3:1-7 shows that a wife can "teach" her husband **BY** the way she lives
 1. The text implies she has spent time and effort teaching him: but, since he has not responded to the oral teaching,

2. She is instructed to win him, without further oral instructions, by the manner of life she lives
- C. Note Paul's instructions 2Tim 2:2 (Note: term "man" here is generic i.e. "humans" denoting either male or female)
 1. Hence, let us no longer hear, "I can't teach"
 2. We may not be able to teach publicly; but in some way, we must find the appropriate avenue by which and through which we can become a teacher of the word Heb 5:12-14
 - D. The Gospel still needs to be carried into all the world Matt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15,16
 1. Even though this commission was fulfilled by the apostles (Col 1:23) it must continually be carried out
 2. Certainly the reproof of Heb 5:12 is appropriate for today
 3. The disciples who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word." Acts 8:4

III. MUST BE A DOER BEFORE BECOMING A TEACHER

- A. Yes, the Lord's order in the passage is: ". . .shall do and teach. . ." First do; then teach. Such is consistent with what Luke says of our Lord: Acts 1:1 and the way Paul reasoned Rom 2:21
- B. We must practice what we preach
 1. People will not hear what we say because of seeing what we are.
 2. To convince people what Christianity can do for them, they must see what it has done for us
- C. We teach some by what we say, more by what we do, but most of all by what we are!
- D. The life of the teacher is the life of his teaching. In fact, the teacher **IS** his teaching. You cannot successfully sell Ford products and drive a General Motors product

CONCLUSION:

- A. On that great and final day; Jesus will say to the saved, "Well **DONE**, good and faithful servant." Matt 25:23
- B. Accordingly, let us all be encouraged to be a "doer"; and a "teacher".
- C. But, remember, you must be a "doer" before you can successfully be a "teacher"
- D. What about you? Are you both doing and teaching God's will?