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“Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit” Psalm 51:12

“Are You Equipped to Teach”

“These things command and teach.” I Timothy 4:11

1) EXAMINING THE DEFINITION

- a) **Equipped:** 1523 (Anglo-French modification of eskiper, eschiper meaning to load on board a ship (vessel), embark, outfit, or man (staff, guard, cover)
 - i) to furnish for service or action by appropriate provisioning (empowerer)
 - ii) Dress, Array
 - iii) to make ready : prepare

- b) **Teach:** (Middle English of techen meaning to show, instruct)
 - i) **a** : to cause to know something **b** : to cause to know how **c** : to accustom to some action or attitude
d : to cause to know the disagreeable consequences of some action
 - ii) to guide the studies of
 - iii) to impart the knowledge of
 - iv) **a** : to instruct by precept, example, or experience **b** : to make known and accepted **5** : to conduct instruction regularly.

2) EXAMINING THE WORD

I Timothy 4:11 charges us to “teach”. More specifically to teach the words spoken prior to this text

- a) **Equipment 1** (4:6) nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

- b) **Equipment 2** (4:7) But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself [rather] unto godliness.
 - (1) Carry wisdom and resist foolishness and gossip, hear-say.
 - (2) Study to gain your own understanding of the things of God
 - (a) II Timothy 2:5 “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- c) **Equipment 3** (4:10a) For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach
 - (1) Teaching is a ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

(2) Instruments of God’s Holy manifestation (And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly **teachers**, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

d) **Equipment 4** (4:10b) because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

(1) All things are achieved through faith in God (Hebrews 11:1-2)

(2) In order for our teaching to have an impact, we have to believe.

(a) Matthew 11:24 “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive [them], and ye shall have [them].”

3) EXAMINING THE SPIRIT

- Psalm 51: 1- 5 Confess and Repent
 - Psalm 51:6 Desire truth, understanding and wisdom
 - Psalm 51: 7 Purge (To clear from guilt; get rid of; to free; to relieve of sediments)
 - Palm 51:8 Take joy in the Lord and rejoice in your brokenness (humility; humbleness)
 - Psalm 51: 10 Receive a pure heart and right spirit (pure intentions, free from il thoughts and intent)
 - Psalm 51:11 Connected with God through the Holy Spirit
 - Psalm 51: 12 Restored, saved, and surrendered (yielded to) the Power of God
 - Psalm 51:16-17 Remain humble before God and sensitive to His Spirit. Be contrite (From Middle English contrite meaning “grind, bruised) – feeling or showing sorrow and remorse for a sin or shortcoming.
- Psalm 51:13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

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