

## **Teaching Higher Things** Mark 1:21-28 some responsibilities of teachers: mold the clay of students' hearts and minds a student's life is at stake impart wisdom and life skills help guide the steps/future of students

- biblical Christianity is built on a strong foundation of teaching and values the mind
  - informed faith
  - thinking belief
  - love with right thinking
- Christ was called a Rabbi= teacher
- many have taken his teaching and translated into all fields of thinking

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- we value teaching and education because we recognize the lasting influence of teachers
- the Bible places primary responsibility on parents
  - your educational choice is secondary to your role of educating your children
- in church, we are all teachers
  - not if we teach, but how and what
    - we seek to follow the Master's example

They went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him. They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.

#### **Teaching Higher Things** Mark 1:21-28 teach with: excellence authority love and grace character a Christian worldview prayer

- remember that you are the lesson
  - lessons are forgotten; values go on
- know that you are appreciated
- give them deep wells
- have something to give away
  - what well do you draw from?

- Christ as the Master Teacher taught with 2 assumptions:
  - 1. we are deeply damaged and hindered from living his teachings
  - 2. he can change us to know and do what he says

#### John10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

#### Matthew 9:13

But go and learn what this means: 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."