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JESUS' METHOD OF TEACHING

By Rev. Chas. H. Shute, D. D.

The greatest teacher of all time is Jesus Christ. The success or failure of a teacher and teaching; the measure of a teacher's real greatness may be determined in a large measure by his or her teaching method.

Method, in its narrow sense, is concerned primarily with the way in which instruction is imparted. But the broader view of method, as stated by Kilpatrick, has to do with cause, effect and purpose. Not only is manner involved, but the teacher and the taught. Therefore, the teaching method of Jesus is considered here in the broader sense of the term. No mere abstract treatment of the subject would be just. What Jesus was and what He knew played a large part in making effective His method.

He Differed With Scribes and Pharisees.

While Jesus had the utmost regard for the Old Testament, yet He seemed willing to exercise a very little patience with narrow, shallow, lifeless interpretations of the law as given by the Scribes and Pharisees. Between His method of teaching and theirs was the most striking contrast. This is emphasized in the statement: "For he taught as one having authority and not as the Scribes."

Jesus, above all others, possessed many aids to the methods which He employed in His work as teacher. Perfect knowledge of self was, perhaps, the first aid. This knowledge He had to a degree approached by none other in the flesh. "Know thyself" did not need to be said to Him. Metes and bounds set by His human nature He knew perfectly. He knew how much to attempt in the flesh with other human kind. Jesus' splendid ancestral background cast its light upon His pathway.

Again, for method to be effective, it is necessary for the teacher to know those whom he would teach. Of Jesus it is said, "But Jesus did not commit himself unto them; for he knew all men. And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man." Jesus knew well their peculiar problems, moral, spiritual and religious. Aspirations, hopes, joys or sorrows were well known to Him whether unuttered or expressed. Attitudes, motives and temperament were the indices by which the Master read human hearts.

This knowledge as an aid, furnished ready answers to anxious inquirers after truth as well as to fault-finders and carping critics. The answers of the Nazarene, whether to friend or foe, gave to the one complete satisfaction, but to the other confusion of face. To the following there was not a reply, "The baptism of John, was it from heaven or of men?" "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

Knowledge and pleasing personality made approach easy for both teacher and taught.

Teacher With Sympathy

The Great Teacher's spirit of sympathy gave wonderful aid to His matchless method of teaching. This sympathy furnished the means and opened the way for contact. It furnished the strength to break down and to throw aside the barriers of race prejudice and caste and class distinctions.

With Jesus, the social outcast stood on equal footing with the ruler and rabbi. With Him, poverty and wealth were on equal footing in the kingdom of grace. The woman at Jacob's well had no less cordial welcome than Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. Each in Jesus' sight desired and deserved. His approach to and dealings with these two charac-

ters surpass human ingenuity and skill. The one was extremely sensitive and haunted by questions extremely delicate. The other was overcautious as he sought under cover of night the knowledge of a way hitherto unknown.

Jesus' method of presenting instruction challenges the admiration and wonder of the most casual observer. No situation arose in which the Master could not readily adapt Himself to the occasion or circumstance. He really had a way of pressing circumstances into service.

Informal as to place or time, the one absorbing passion of the life of Jesus Christ was to teach. He taught by night and by day. His learners at times consisted of a single individual. At other times He was sought by 4,000, 5,000 and then by countless multitudes. Now He teaches in the temple, then in the synagogue. Again, He resorts to the seashore. And then again, He and His disciples seek the lonely solitude of the lofty mountain or lowly vale. When pressed too closely by eager throngs, He moved out into the deep and taught from a boat.

Simple in Speech.

By the world's greatest teacher, profoundest truths were made plain by simple language and striking illustrations.

To the farmer, fisherman, shepherd or vineyard keeper, His messages were ever interesting and helpful; for He visualized His thoughts into imagery gathered from the occupation of each. None could fail to grasp His meaning.

Nothing Prose in His Teaching

Jesus' teachings were far from being prose. In His own inimitable way, He gave expression to His thoughts in the form of allegory, apostrophe, metaphor, parable, paradox, proverb, etc. In emphasizing the use which He made of the parable, Mark affirms that "Without a parable spake he not."

Jesus' teachings while concerned about the serious things of life, yet abounded here and there with sparkling, Socratic wit which must have provoked Pindaric laughter and merriment. Example is found in the following: "Straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel," and the idea of giving holy things to dogs and handing jewelry to hogs. The above reveal the spirit of a Master at once possessed with the profoundest wisdom and with gems of sparkling wit and humor.

A Modernist

Jesus, in teaching method, is the modernist of all time.

"The principles which Jesus used in teaching are the Shibboleth of modern pedagogy. He established the point of contact by arousing interest."—Kent.

As a variable approaches but never reaches its limit, so the world of education will be ever approaching but will never reach, to say nothing, yea, nothing of surpassing the high ideals and lofty but simple teaching method of Him "Who spake as never man spake."

The finishing touch of His teaching method was given when imparted "The manner of worship by prayer."

EAST TENNESSEE SYNOD.

The Synod of East Tennessee will convene with the Shiloh Presbyterian church at Knoxville, Tenn., on Wednesday, October 17, 1928, at 7:30 P. M.

All persons planning to attend this meeting will please notify Mr. S. J. Wentz, 903 E. Clinch Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.

S. A. DOWNER,
Stated Clerk.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION OF CATAWBA PRESBYTERY

By Mrs. Hallie Q. Mayberry

(Concluded from last week)

Saturday Morning.

9:45. Song service was conducted by Mrs. J. M. Pride, with Miss Elizabeth Davis, pianist.

Bible study—Dr. L. B. West. A very eager and devotional spirit it was manifested in this devotional period. The Scripture lesson was Acts 1:13-26. These Acts were performed by Jesus through His holy works as He performed them in the lives of the apostles, and as Christian workers we are to expect power from God. The work belongs to God and He will give us power to do His work.

Order No. 5. The following officers of the Sunday School Convention were elected:

President, Prof. W. H. Stinson.

1st. Vice-President, Rev. W. R. Mayberry.

2nd Vice-President, Mr. M. N. Potts.

Secretary, Dr. L. J. Melton, (permanent).

Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Hallie Q. Mayberry.

Treasurer, Dr. G. S. Leeper.

Statistician, Rev. H. Wilson.

The officers of the Christian Endeavor Convention are as follows:

President, Mrs. J. M. Pride.

Vice-President, Mr. J. W. Spears.

Secretary, Miss Vivian Shute.

Assistant Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Alexander.

Treasurer, Mrs. Josephine Leeper.

Junior Superintendent, Miss Annie Chresfield.

Statistician, Rev. H. Wilson.

The installation address was made by Rev. J. H. Ward.

The reports from the Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor societies showed progress and growth in spiritual activities and membership and finance. Out of forty-seven schools forty-five reports were made.

Saturday Afternoon

2:30. Song and praise service was conducted by Mr. N. M. Potts.

The Statistical reports of the Sunday School Convention and Christian Endeavor Society were read by Rev. H. Wilson. These reports were approved with commendation and thanks.

Order No. 7. The Miranda church, eight miles West of Charlotte, was decided upon for the next place of meeting.

Order No. 9. Miss Johnnie Jenkins, of the Brandon church, and Mr. M. L. Shute, of the Biddleville church, were elected delegates to attend the School of Methods at Oxford.

The Convention was invited over on the beautiful campus of Scotia where every one enjoyed a delightful afternoon. Numerous games were played, directed by Rev. A. H. Prince, after which refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

Sunday Morning.

9:45. A Model Sunday School was conducted by Mr. I. M. Martin, the Sabbath School Missionary. A large number were in attendance.

11:00. The annual sermon was preached by Dr. Yorke Jones from Matt. 5:3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." He built a most beautiful sermon on this text. It was not only strong in thought but very effective in the presentation of it. "The purpose of the Sunday school is that God's people may study God's Word. Humbleness of heart and gladness of heart is the spirit for Sunday school workers to acquire," said Dr. Jones. "Misfortunes and sorrows often come upon us to make us humble in the sight of the Lord." He entreated us to trust the Lord each one for himself and surrender our lives to Him. This is being poor in heart.

Benediction, Dr. G. S. Leeper

Sunday Afternoon

2:30. A grand song service was conducted by the Convention choir and Seventh Street church orchestra with Mr. Willie Stinson and Miss Frances Adams, pianists. Mrs. J. M. Pride presided.

The minutes of the Convention were read by the Assistant Secretary and were received by the Convention with commendation and praise.

A group of spirituals were sung by the City Glee Club under the direction of Miss Mercedes Hailey.

Mr. M. L. Shute read a very interesting paper from the subject, "The Attitude of the Modern Youth Toward the Church."

Dr. Yorke Jones gave a short address from the subject, "Some Seed I Sowed."

Prof. J. D. Gordon, President of the City Sunday School Union, made encouraging remarks.

Benediction, Rev. Anderson of Price Memorial church.

The members of the Convention were guests of the Silver Leaf Club at the close of this program. Delicious sandwiches and punch were served.

Sunday Evening

Song Service was conducted by the City Glee Club, of Concord, assisted by Mr. M. L. Shute, under the direction of Miss Mercedes Hailey.

The closing sermon was preached by Dr. L. B. West, pastor of Biddleville church. His text was Phil. 2:5, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." He asked the delegates as they returned to their various fields to take these words as their motto. Everyone present felt the presence of God and enjoyed this strong gospel message.

Rev. F. C. Shirley was next presented. He spoke of the School of Methods and the great good being accomplished through it, and he also spoke of the great good that is to be derived from the Daily Vacation Bible School.

The Resolutions of Thanks were read by Miss Myrtle Brodie.

The closing hymn was "God be with you till we meet again."

Benediction by Rev. Kaiser of Concord.

CANADIAN SYNODICAL CONVENTION AND SCHOOL OF METHODS.

By Mrs. J. E. Gear

The Synodical Sunday School Convention and School of Methods of the Canadian Synod, held at Elliott Academy, Valliant, Okla., July 28-August 3rd, was the most largely attended and the greatest in its history. The majority of the attendants were young ladies and young men.

Too much commendation can not be given to Dean C. N. Shropshire and others for such a well planned program, and to the Director, Dr. A. B. McCoy, for the carrying out of the same.

Many new features served to vary the program and to increase the interest. Each member of the faculty presented his subjects enthusiastically and masterfully. It was a great pleasure to have Miss Agnes B. Snively, of the National Board, to serve again as a member of the faculty. All who attended her classes and met her got the inspiration and information needed.

Mr. Black, of the National Board, had charge of the recreation work and games, and each one soon caught the spirit and decided by having it we would be like our instructor—never grow old. Rev. C. J. Baker, D. D., Mr. A. A. Adair and Rev.

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CHESTNUT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

The Second District Sunday School Convention of Cape Fear Presbytery, Catawba Synod, convened at Chestnut Street Presbyterian church, Wilmington, August 2nd, 1928.

At 8:00 P. M. there was a song service. Following this there was prayer by Mr. G. R. Marsh, S. S. Missionary, and remarks by the President, Mr. Fuller.

A welcome address was made by Mr. John Belden, to which there was a response by Mrs. H. E. Bynum, of Kinston. She stressed the importance of teaching the young folks.

Next was an address by President Fuller. He stressed the importance of brevity in sermons and speeches. He also spoke of the growth of the D. V. B. S. and the School of Methods. The enrollment of delegates was done by the Secretary, Mr. R. D. Moore.

Collection and adjournment. Bible study was conducted by Rev. N. A. Johnson who emphasized communication with God and the five requisites to prayer.

Demonstration in Church Schools was given by Miss Susan Peacock. She spoke of the disadvantage of the one-room church schools and gave ways of improving them by use of curtains and invisible doors. Miss Carrie Hargrave, of Wilmington, and Miss Grantham, of Rocky Mount, told of methods used in the Primary Departments of their schools for stimulating interest.

Mrs. Bynum, of Kinston, representing the Home and Cradle Roll Departments, stressed the importance of harmonizing the home and Sunday school.

There was open discussion of "How to Attract Grown Ups in Sunday School."

Rev. A. H. George spoke on the observance of different days as children's week when the teacher visits each pupil. The social side of this question was stressed.

Following the song service at 2 P. M., Mr. James Oby, of Smithfield, discussed "Observance of Special Days," as Children's Day, Easter, Lincoln's Day and others.

Mrs. Mary Bryan, of New Bern, spoke on "Parent and Teacher Co-operation." Mrs. Bryan pointed out the importance of co-operation without which there can be no success.

Friday night there was a popular meeting. A splendid program was rendered consisting of solos, both vocal and instrumental, an oration and papers. The address of the evening was given by Rev. A. H. George, of Wilson, on "What Shall I Do With My Life?" Collection, Adjournment.

Saturday at 9:30 o'clock reports from the Sunday schools of the Convention were heard. There was a report by Rev. George for a special committee, and other committees were appointed.

Smithfield was chosen as the next place of meeting.

At 4:30 P. M. there was an outing to Seabreeze. All reported a most enjoyable time.

Sunday morning a sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Freeland, of Goldsboro. After the morning service a model Sunday school was conducted by Miss Peacock and Mr. Marsh.

Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock there was a popular meeting. A very interesting program was rendered. At this time among the numbers given were two excellent papers which were read by Misses Vivian Sampson, of Kinston, and Bertha Arrington, of Rocky Mount.

After reading the following resolutions and singing "God be with you till we meet again" the Convention closed.

Resolutions:

Whereas, we, the members of the Sunday School Convention of the Second District of Cape Fear Presbytery in session in the "Playground of the South," have come to this beautiful place upon your invitation and have en-

joyed the hospitality of your homes; and,

Whereas, we have been permitted to go and come at will; have worked and played together; have gained inspiration from one another and shall return to our respective fields the better for having come here, we the members of this Convention, beg to submit the following resolutions:

Be it resolved:

First, that we thank the pastor and his congregation for the efficient manner in which they have carried out the program of this Convention and for the splendid, lively music.

Second, that we thank them for their gracious reception and kind hospitality to every member in your homes.

Third, that though not very largely attended, we are thankful for the help and inspiration gained in our meetings.

Fourth, we heartily thank the recreation committee for the outing in which we were permitted to dip into the mighty waters of the Atlantic.

Fifth and lastly, that we thank every one that made our stay pleasant and profitable in any way.

Respectfully submitted by the committee on resolutions,
MR. JAMES OBY,
MISS S. B. GRANTHAM,
MRS. MARY R. BRYAN,
Chairman.

We are happy to have Mrs. E. C. Grigg and daughter, Lucy, home again. More than six weeks ago Mrs. Grigg had a hasty summons to Jacksonville, Fla., to the bedside of her daughter who was very ill with scarlet fever. Mr. E. C. Grigg motored to Jacksonville for them, returning last week.

Social Worker Appointed.
Miss Carrie G. Hargrave, a graduate of the Atlanta School of Social Work, Atlanta, Ga., class 1927, has been recently appointed assistant welfare officer of New Hanover County.

For many years she served in a very competent manner as one of the public school teachers. Miss Hargrave is known throughout Wilmington and New Hanover County as a woman of culture, refinement, education and vision. These elements, together with special training in welfare work gives New Hanover County in Miss Hargrave a worker to be proud of.

MRS. SUSIE HOWARD.

THE DEATH OF PROF. J. S. MARQUIS.
Our Principal, Prof. J. S. Marquis, of Brainerd Institute, a thinker and helper of others, was called from this life, July 30, 1928, being in Albion, Michigan, when God told an angel where one of his servants could be found. He was our benefactor, and pointed us to the high calling which is in Christ Jesus. One that didn't tell us, but his light so shined that we were influenced by his Christian living. Flowers will fade but our reminiscence of our dear Principal will never fade.

We regret the departure of Prof. Marquis, and extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Marquis, who has labored among us. This poem we know bears the motto of a willing worker:

"Lord, let me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer shall be for others.

"Help me in all the work I do,
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I do for You,
Must needs be done for others.

"Let self be crucified and slain,
And buried deep, nor rise again,
And may all efforts be in vain,
Unless they be for others.

"And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in heaven is begun,
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of others."

STUDENT.