**Teaching Techniques**

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**OBSERVATIONS CHAPTER 6**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE TEACHERS PERSONIFIED**

**Characteristics of Jesus Christ**

1. **He demonstrated what He said.**
2. **He desired to serve.**
3. **He was discerning of His students.**
4. **He was dedicated to the scriptures.**
5. **He was diverse in His situations**

**Characteristics Presented by Todd Whitaker**

1. **People are more important than programs**
2. **Be willing to expect something from students**
3. **Stop bad behavior before it starts**
4. **High expectations should be for everyone, including the teacher.**
5. **Teachers are the variables in the classroom, and they should always improve.**
6. **A positive attitude, environment, and praise go a long way.**
7. **Take what you hear from students and teachers with a grain of salt.**
8. **Admit when something you’ve done didn’t work or was just plain wrong.**
9. **Be willing to be flexible and adjust when necessary.**
10. **Challenge slower students to rise higher.**
11. **Challenge all students to rise higher.**
12. **Treat everyone as being good, even if they’re not.**
13. **Keep standardized testing in its proper perspective.**
14. **Students don’t care what you know until they know that you care.\***

**Attributes Personified; (Quality, character, or characteristic given to someone or something) Please note the biblical references, sidebars, as well as the “Characteristics presented by Todd Whitaker” and Characteristics of Jesus Christ above.**

1. **Administrative skills**
2. **Characteristic:** *#4 High expectations should be for everyone, including the teacher.*

**1 (sidebar)** *We as teachers must study the Word of God diligently in so that we present his Word in truth. We are to be prepared and equipped to teach the lesson, authoritatively yet with a humble spirit.*

1. **Faith in God and Faith in Others:** *My faith is in God that the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit will make my teaching efforts effective, and that my students will hear and understand and do their best to learn the course I am teaching.*
2. **Characteristic:** # 14. *Students don’t care what you know until they know that you care.*
3. **Commitment: (a note of humor but truth)** *As the story goes, a pig and a hen were walking together when they come upon a whole group of hungry people. As they gazed upon the terrible situation and wondered what to do to help, the hen turns to the pig and says “Let’s feed them all breakfast. After all we can give them bacon and eggs”.* ***The Pig turned to the hen and said, “that’s involvement on your part, but to me, it’s a total commitment”.***

***This is what Jesus meant in His Statement.******God wants all of you or nothing and that is “total commitment.”***

1. **Characteristic:** # 4 He was dedicated to the scriptures
2. ***(sidebar)*** *Through a study of the Word of God, we will be ready always (scripture reference 1Peter 3:15)*
3. **Courage:**  Too stand for truth in a dark and unsaved world, with humility.
4. **Characteristic:** *#1. He demonstrated what He said.*
5. **(sidebar**) After you have spoken the “Truth**”** *That sometimes means to agree to dis-agree, it is then up to the Holy Spirit.*
6. ***Excellence:*** *1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*
7. ***Characteristic:*** *#2 Be willing to expect something from Students*
8. ***(sidebar)*** *You might think that you or a fellow student could never teach, but through the study of the Word, fellowship with the Lord; the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit will guide you into all things good and perfect to the will of God.*
9. ***Friendship:*** *Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*
10. ***Characteristic:*** *# 14 Students don’t care what you know until they know that you care.*
11. ***(sidebar)*** *It is important that we as teachers presenting the Word of God let students know that you are assessible, understanding and caring. However, they too must also know that they play apart in the learning process; they are to do what is asked of them in the classroom and that you the teacher are the authoritative figure.*
12. ***Loyalty:*** *Proverbs 16: 13-14 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men be strong. Let all your things be done with charity.*
13. ***Characteristic:*** *# 6 A positive attitude, environment, and praise go a long way.*
14. ***(sidebar)*** *Trust, support and praise are critical to the learning environment. Give your students praise when required, let them know that you recognize their efforts.*
15. ***Love:*** *1 Corinthians 13: 1-7 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,5 doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh not evil; 6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7. Beareth all things, believeth all things hopeth all things, endureth all things.*
16. ***Characteristic: #****2 He desired to serve*
17. ***(Sidebar)*** *Jesus was and is no respecter of persons as written in James 2: 1-4 we are not to discriminate as to whom we love. We are not to love the rich and ignore the poor among us or those who differentiate from our beliefs. John 15:12 This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.*