

The Attackers: Visual: Gift of Pastor-Teacher; Qualifications for the Gift; the Gift Is God's Information Transfer Device; Church Age Doctrine Withheld: Jesus Taught Verbally, Apostles Taught Doctrine; Human Authors Wrote the Canon; P-Ts Teach Doctrine; Pharisees Rejected the Lord's Teachings, John 8:43-45; Categories of Truth: Moral

65. Here is the corrected and expanded translation of:

2 Timothy 2:2 - What things [ὅς (*hós*)] regarding the doctrinal teaching you have heard [ἀκούω (*akouō*)] from me [παρά (*pará*) + ἐγώ (*egō*)] in the presence of [διά (*diá*)] many fellow cadets [πολὺς (*polús*) + μάρτυς (*mártus*)] in the seminary of the Divine Academy of Grace Didactics, deposit [παρατίθημι (*paratíthēmi*)] these things [οὗτος (*hoútos*)] to those faithful believers [πιστός (*pistós*) + ἄνθρωπος (*ánthrōpos*)], who by the attribute [ὅστις (*hóstis*)] of a communication gift shall be qualified [εἰμί (*eimí*) + ἱκανός (*hikanós*)] to verbally teach [διδάσκω (*didáskō*)] others also [ἕτερος (*héteros*) + καί (*kai*)]. (EXT)

66. This verse summarizes the entire process of a man identifying, preparing, and executing the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher. It is illustrated in a diagram which borrows from the Equation of Hope's X + Y + Z radicals: The Gift of Pastor-Teacher: From Awareness to the Crown of Glory."

67. Men with the gift of pastor-teacher who go through this process are found reliable to verbally teach others. A summary of some of the qualifications that are required of pastors include the following:

- (1) The man must be a believer who received the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher at salvation. (Ephesians 4:8, 11)
- (2) He must be positive to the academic instruction of Bible doctrine from his right pastor-teacher in a local church (or through some electronic contrivance). (2 Timothy 1:13)
- (3) He must remain positive in order to grow spiritually to the point that he recognizes he has the gift. (1 Timothy 3:6)
- (4) His acquisition of doctrine must continue as the Lord provides and as he makes the intake of doctrine priority one under self-imposed discipline. (2 Timothy 2:15)
- (5) He must learn to administrate through delegation of authority but never abuse his power as pastor-teacher. (Titus 2:7-8)
- (6) He must have the moral courage to make decisions based on the Word of God and not human viewpoint. (2 Timothy 2:24-26)
- (7) His primary responsibilities are to study and then teach and to avoid distractions that hinder either. (2 Timothy 2:15)

68. It is through the function of pastor-teachers that the Word of God is transferred from one generation to the next.

69. Without the function of qualified pastor-teachers from the pulpits of America's local churches, the current historical downtrend will eventuate in the fifth cycle of discipline for our client nation.

9. 2 Timothy 2:2 is one of Paul's explanations of how the spoken Word was transferred to papyrus. The revelation of New Testament canon resulted in uncovering the mystery dispensation of the Church.

10. This uncovering resulted in the illumination of what for God had never been covered but had simply been withheld until it was finally determined by human free will that Israel would not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
11. The Greek word **ἀλήθεια (alétheia)** and the Hebrew **אֱמֶת ('emeth)** basically refer to divine standards that when utilized enable the believer to produce right thoughts, decisions, and actions.
12. In the Lord's exchange with the Pharisees in John 8:12-59, He uses the noun *alétheia* (truth) seven times and the adjective **ἀληθής (alēthés: true)** five times.
13. Their inability to understand His message is because they rejected truth which the Lord points out in:

John 8:43 - "Why do you not understand what I am saying? Is it because you cannot hear My word.

v. 44 - "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

v. 45 - "But because I speak the truth, you do not believe me.

14. Arthur Holmes's article "Truth" in *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible* classifies truth in three ways: **(1)** moral, **(2)** ontological, and **(3)** cognitive.
15. The definition of these three words amplifies the meanings of the categories they characterize:
 - (1) Moral.** The word *moral* is applicable to actions that are good or evil, virtuous or vicious, and has reference to the law of God as the standard by which their character is to be determined.¹

¹ Noah Webster, *An English Dictionary of the English Language* (New York: S. Converse, 1828), 2:18.