

LEADERSHIP LESSON 28

HOW TO TEACH DIFFICULT SUBJECTS

OUTLINE BY NATHAN TAYLOR

As one starts to think about dealing with difficult subjects or passages, one should first examine his/her own view's concerning the subject.

Some questions that need to be addressed:

1. Am I being **biblical** in my view?
2. What **memories** does this subject bring up?
3. What do I **already know** about the subject?
4. Can I be **honest** and **objective** in dealing with this subject?
5. Am I separating **cultural** influence from **biblical** insight?

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- A. HE taught with **authority.**
- B. HE correctly used **scripture.**
- C. HE taught so the average **person** could **understand.**
- D. HE **lived** out **what** HE taught.
- E. HIS teachings were often **controversial.**

How can, we as Sunday School Leaders, teach difficult subjects? Some suggestions:

- A. Be **honest**
- B. Be **knowledgeable**
- C. Be **tactful**
- D. Be **sensitive** to the **needs** of the class
- E. Be **biblical**
- F. Be **flexible**
- G. Pray about the **subject** before **teaching** it
- H. We need to **teach** with **authority**
- I. Determine if the Bible is **silent** on the **subject**
- J. Instead of just giving your opinion, allow **scripture** to be the **authority**
- K. Determine how the **subject** will affect each **member** of your class
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