

## **Thank God For Teachers**

Give thanks for godly teachers. The kind that teach, not only with words, but by the example of their lives. As time goes by, I'm more and more mindful of a process at work in my life. From a small child, I was guided and shaped by my father & mother, grandpas & grandmas, uncles & aunts, by church leaders and public school teachers. Each had their own way of imparting information and molding & shaping the person I would come to be. That process did not end with my childhood. Throughout my adult years, men and women of knowledge, faith and vision continued the process by pouring their lives into mine.

May all who work with children, be reminded of the responsibility of being a teacher in the fullest sense. For a teacher not only communicates a package of information but, also, a way of life. A popular misconception holds that the personal life of a teacher is a private matter and is of little consequence in the process of education. While the notion may have a certain ring of "political correctness," it could not be further from the truth.

The simple fact is... The one who teaches math also teaches the concept of steadfast truth. The journalism teacher teaches integrity. The science teacher teaches faith. The health teacher teaches morality. Family teaches commitment. The church is reinforced in the teaching of godly values.

How important is it to have godly teachers? It was Jesus who said, (When a student is fully taught, he will not only know what his teacher knows) "When a student is fully taught, he will be like his teacher."

Some people believe you can keep prayer out of public schools. But you can't. I thank the Lord for godly teachers each time I pass through its doors.