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EDU 441: The Christian Teacher
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Howard Hendricks - "The Law of The Teacher"

"If you stop growing today you stop teaching tomorrow"
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I. The Law

a) Philosophy: The Teacher is a Learner

Peter 3:18

- if you stop growing today, you stop teaching tomorrow!
 - The teacher must know what they will teach (their content) and know those to whom they wish to teach (audience)
 - You want to infect people by with subject being taught.
 - 3 understanding: 1. Embraces a philosophy that the teacher is a learner, student amongst students.
 - Teacher teaches out of abundant of their learning.
 - Have students drink from a running stream rather from a stagnant pool!
 - I cannot impart what I do not have.
 - Peter – continue to grow and grace in the knowledge of Christ.
 - Be a developing individual, especially as a teacher.
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b) Attitude: You Have Not Arrived

Philippians 3:13,14

- Learn from the past but don't live in it.
- You can never retire from ministry and the Word of God.
- Paul continued to reach even at the end of his life.
- Always ask the question, "how can I improve?"
- Knowledge is proud that it knows so much, but wisdom is humble because it knows so little.

c) The Relationship Between the Method and the Message

- Delicate balance between content and communication, how and what you teach.
- The nature of the messages determines the nature of the method.
- You can't teach without knowing.
- Don't bore people with the Word of God (find ways to deliver the message)

II. Implementing Law

a) Reading

- Consistent study and reading program
- Leaders are readers and readers are leaders.
- 1 hour: 30 mins in reading and 30 mins in reflecting – stretch thinking.
- Books and the people that you meet – two factors that will influence your future.
- Improve content and skills by enrolling in program and classes.
- Study the Word of God for ourselves.

b) Get to Know the Students

- Get to know the names and their needs.
- Pray for the needs of my students.
- Do not label people by their actions (understand why they act they way they do)

c) Intensive Personal Evaluation

Luke 6:40

- Experience does not get you better unless its an evaluated experience
- It's the one who walks out of the classroom and ask " what will make me a better teacher tomorrow?"
- Danger: busy in doing and not becoming (who you are is more important than what you say or do)
- Someone will be just like his or her teacher!
- Ask to minister to me first and then through me.
- God would like to sharpened and cleansed the instrumental so it can be a more effective tool

Notes:

- be a woman that cares about others
- I don't need to know it all to impact the lives of others
- Continue to grow and learn