



# TEACH FOR *Eternity*

Grow your students' faith & create Biblical discipleship  
in each aspect of your Christian school classroom

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# Discipline

**Central Truth: Discipline issues are great opportunities for discipleship.**

## Key Takeaways:

- Yelling or overreacting kills any opportunity for discipleship. (Proverbs 15:1)
- Seek first to understand, then to be understood.
- Speak the truth in love. (Ephesians 4:15)
- Counsel from Scripture. Ask questions and leave space for the answers.

## Additional Notes:

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## Personal Application:

What is one change you need to make to be more effective in your discipline?

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## Links & Additional Resources:

["The One Change that Will Revolutionize Your Discipline & Skyrocket Your Success"](#)

["How to Counsel a Student \(instead of just giving out consequences\)"](#)

# Interactions

**Central Truth: The rapport we build opens doors for discipleship.**

## Key Takeaways:

- We must make deposits into our students' emotional bank accounts so that there is something in there when we need to make a withdraw.
- Make extra effort with the students who are the most challenging.
- Love your students. Show them you care in little ways.
- Be kind AND firm (not a pushover).
- Be their mentor, not their friend.
- Be humble and real. Admit when you're wrong.
- Create Biblical avenues of appeal.

## Additional Notes:

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## Personal Application:

What can you do differently to create stronger rapport with your students?

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## Links & Additional Resources:

["7 Easy Ways to Destroy Your Rapport with Your Students"](#)

["How to Show Real Love to the Kids" \(even when they're not acting loveable\)"](#)

["Can a Teacher Be Too Nice?"](#)

# Spiritual Walk

**Central Truth: The only way to make a real impact is to be led by the Spirit.**

## Key Takeaways:

- If we teach in our own strength, we will help some kids, but we will have nowhere near the impact we could if we let Him work through us.
- We build our own relationship with God by spending time with Him in prayer & reading His Word.
- We must listen to His Spirit. Ask God for direction and wait for an answer.
- Schedule this time into your day or it won't happen.

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## Personal Application:

Pause right now and spend a few moments talking to God.  
Then write down one thing you can do to build your spiritual walk.

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## Links & Additional Resources:

["The Secret to Making it Through the Day with Strength, Wisdom, and Purpose"](#)

["12 Creative Ways to Have Devotions"](#)

[Teach Uplifted Devotions](#)

# Classroom Management

**Central Truth:** Without order, little learning or discipleship can take place.

## Key Takeaways:

- Our classroom management should create an environment that fosters learning and growth.
- If you're struggling, ask for help.
- We must have a Biblical balance between mercy and consistency. Care more about your students than your policies, but don't use mercy as an excuse to do nothing.
- Remember that the law came first. Establish high expectations. Then listen to the Spirit to know when to give mercy.

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## Personal Application:

Rate your classroom management on a scale from 1 to 10: \_\_\_\_\_

What's one thing you can do this week to improve your classroom management?

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## Links & Additional Resources:

[Classroom Management MiniCourse: 3 Days to Regain Control](#)

["Why Parents & Teachers Should Not Always Be Fair"](#)

[Teach 4 the Heart Podcast Season 1: Classroom Management](#)

[Classroom Management 101](#)

# Integrity

**Central Truth: Students learn more by what we DO than what we SAY.**

## Key Takeaways:

- If we want to disciple our students, we must first be examples of true Christianity.
- Integrity means being honest, morally upright, sincere, truthful, and trustworthy
- Our faith MUST be real and genuine.
- Our faith must be about our relationship with God and our adherence to God's Word, not arbitrary standards.
- We must be humble. (James 4:6)

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## Personal Application:

Write down something that resonated with you & that you'd like to think more about.

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## Links & Additional Resources:

["Why Do Kids from Good Families Walk Away from the Faith?"](#)



# Partnership

**Central Truth: God has given parents the primary responsibility for their children's discipleship; we are partners with them in this process.**

## Key Takeaways:

- God has given parents the primary responsibility for their children. (Deut. 6:6-9)
- Keep the responsibility with the parents as much as possible.
- Partner with the parents; think win-win.
- Sometimes we are called to disciple parents as well and to help them think biblically.
- Treat them how you would want to be treated & provide great customer service. Remember the Golden Rule (Luke 6:31).

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## Personal Application:

Name one thing you can do differently to improve your partnership with parents.

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## Links & Additional Resources:

["What to Do with the Parent Who's Driving You Crazy"](#)

["How to Resolve Conflict by Thinking Win-Win"](#)

# Lessons

**Central Truth: Leaders who think Biblically can change the world (and we can teach them how to do just that).**

**Key Takeaways:**

- Strong academics are critical because we need Christians who are equipped to be leaders in different spheres of influence.
- God's truths should impact everything we teach.
- The only way our students can discern truth from error is to learn to think Biblically.
- We should teach students how to discern truth & reject deception. This requires critical thinking skills and a strong knowledge of Scripture.

**Additional Notes:**

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**Personal Application:**

Are your academics strong? Do you teach your students how to think Biblically?  
How can you be stronger in these areas?

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**Links & Additional Resources:**

["Should We Teach Kids What to Think or How to Think?"](#)

["Should Christians Try to Change the Culture?"](#)

# Energy

**Central Truth: If you want to be effective, you must take time to sharpen the saw.**

## Key Takeaways:

- Pause to take care of yourself so that you have the energy needed to give more fully to your students.
- Physical: Rest, exercise, and eat well. Drink water.
- Spiritual: Spend time in the Word, prayer, and meditation.
- Professional: Continually be learning and growing.
- Emotional: Seek encouragement. Take time to connect with others.

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## Personal Application:

Get out your calendar right now & schedule some type of “sharpening the saw” activity for the coming week or two.

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## Links & Additional Resources:

[Teaching with Balance MiniCourse](#)

[“Why Always Putting Others First is a Horrible Idea”](#)

[“The First Steps to Achieving Work-Life Balance”](#)

[“How to Find Time to Exercise”](#)

# Synergy

**Central Truth: When we work together, we make a bigger impact in our students' lives.**

## Key Takeaways:

- Synergy means that the combined effect of everyone working together is greater than the sum of each person's individual efforts.
- We must work together, not in competition with each other. Think win-win.
- If you have a disagreement with someone, go to them first. Don't talk about it with everyone else. (Matthew 18:15-17)
- The teacher's lounge should be a refreshing haven, a place to share & exchange ideas and to encourage each other, not to complain or criticize.
- Encourage each other.
- If you're struggling, ask for help.
- If you're a veteran, be intentional about mentoring newer teachers.

## Additional Notes:

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## Personal Application:

Name one change you can make to foster stronger synergy in your school.

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## Links & Additional Resources:

["How to Resolve Conflict by Thinking Win-Win"](#)

["How to Handle Constructive Criticism"](#)

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