

## CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT TEACHER TIPS

- **ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE.** One of the easiest things a teacher can do is to accentuate the positive things the students do. Thanks and praise can go miles in causing a student to continue to exhibit positive behavior. This is also a great signal to the other children as to what is expected and appreciated.
- **ELIMINATE NEGATIVE CIRCUMSTANCES.** The elimination of negative circumstances, which help facilitate poor conduct is the ongoing responsibility of every teacher. Simple things such as where a child sits or making certain there are extra Bibles so each child has one can make a positive contribution to the classroom environment.
- **SET CLEAR AND REALISTIC RULES.** Every teacher should provide the class with simple, clear and realistic rules. It is an ongoing process for the students to remember and obey the rules. Every church should seek to establish standards of behavior throughout the Christian education program so that there is as much consistency as possible.
- **ALWAYS MAINTAIN THE RULES.** The children need for their teacher to always maintain the rules within their class. When this does not take place, the children will lose respect for the teacher and it can cause frustration for not only the students, but also the teacher.
- **SEEK TO UNDERSTAND.** When there is a discipline problem with a child it is important for the teacher to seek to understand the cause of the misbehavior. Many times we deal with the symptom of the problem (i.e.: the poor conduct) when there is a more fundamental issue which, if we can care for it, will help the situation immensely.
- **LEARN STUDENT NAMES.** Using the name's of the children is a common technique in helping to keep the students focused on what they need to be doing and thus misbehavior is decreased. Teachers should learn their students name as quickly as possible. Many teachers use creative, colorful name tags to aid in this process.
- **ASK QUESTIONS.** Asking questions along with the use of a student's name is another common way many teachers can promote a good teaching-learning environment.
- **BE PREPARED.** A well prepared teacher and lesson plan are of great value in helping facilitate quality classroom discipline. Good preparation includes a clear lesson aim, a variety of methods and thus more attentive students. Teachers must be vigilant to provide a lesson plan that captures and keeps their students attention. Without this poor classroom discipline is a normal result.
- **PRAY REGULARLY.** Teachers should regularly pray for all their students that God would minister His grace to the students through His Word and the working of the Holy Spirit.



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