Not many of you should presume to be TEACHERS, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. *(James 3:1)* 

## ✓ Crafting words for INFORMATION and INFLUENCE

✓ Information exerts influence... <u>content</u> and <u>perspective</u> Many venues and types of teaching... James is referring specifically to teaching within the Christian community, i.e. teaching the truths of God's Word

#### Such teaching is **influential** and **consequential**.

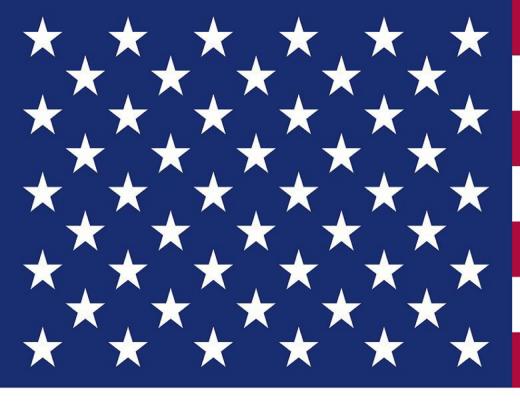
# It should not be pursued because of any **prestige** or **popularity** associated with it.

This statement is not meant to discourage anyone whom God CALLS/INSPIRES to teach.

# It <u>is</u> meant to discourage anyone who seeks to teach for <u>selfish</u> <u>reasons</u>.

It is meant to discourage anyone who is **unwilling** to study or prepare.

It is meant to discourage anyone who is unwilling to consider the teaching of spiritual truth a <u>serious matter</u>.





## TEACHING GOD'S WORD

- Motives matter
- Truth matters

#### ESSENCE OF TEACHING

## TECHNIQUE = information > explanation > application > <u>demonstration</u>

TRUTH = awareness > responsibility > <u>accountability</u> From everyone who has much, much will be demanded. From the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked *(Luke 12:48)* 

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. *(Mt. 12:36)* 

# **INFLUENCE?**

#### We are born <u>innocent</u> > all convictions derived from some other source

We are born <u>social</u> beings > convictions penetrate other people > basis of behavior and decisions in their lives Influence (teaching) is tremendous power and God takes it VERY seriously

- This is the <u>basis</u> of WITNESS/PERSUASION
- This is the <u>essence</u> and <u>effect</u> of TEACHING