

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... **content** and **perspective**

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 is meant to discourage anyone who seeks to teach for **selfish reasons**.

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 **serious matter**.



TEACHING GOD'S WORD

- Motives matter
- Truth matters

ESSENCE OF TEACHING

TECHNIQUE = information > explanation
> application > **demonstration**

TRUTH = awareness > responsibility >
accountability

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 **innocent** > all convictions
derived from some other source

We are born **social** 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 **basis** of WITNESS/PERSUASION
- This is the **essence** and **effect** of TEACHING