

## Hints to S. S. Teachers.

### MAIN STEPS IN THE PROCESS OF TEACHING.

1. Secure the attention of the class.
2. Awaken interest.
3. Ascertain what the pupils have done, and what they already know about the lesson.
4. Use, as much as possible, the power of the pupil.
5. Seek to impress as well as instruct.
6. Frequently review, or repeat previous teaching.
7. Apply personally the truths taught.

The teacher's work is not done, and the lesson is not successfully finished, till he has led his class along the pathways of truth into the full presence of the Saviour of men.

In teaching no method is more likely to ensure success than that of questioning. Questions have these four principle uses :

1. To ascertain what the pupil knows.
2. To communicate what the teacher knows.
3. To correct errors and imperfections of the pupil's knowledge.
4. To confirm that knowledge and make it permanent.

The unsuccessful teachers may be found among the following:—

1. The *Irregular* teacher, who comes to his class when he feels like it.
2. The *Weak* teacher, who sits as if half dismayed before his inattentive and unruly class.
3. The *Ignorant* teacher, who comes to his class with no sufficient knowledge of the lesson, or the way of teaching.
4. The *Frigid* teacher, who sits down in cold and patient dignity, but with little comprehension of the real nature of the work to be done.
5. The *Fussy* teacher, who, eager to interest and instruct, perpetually irritates his pupils by a vivacity without method or measure, and confuses them by a manner too rapid, and by questions without purpose or connection.
6. The *Lecturing* teacher, who does nothing but lecture without asking questions.
7. The *Questioning* teacher, who does nothing but ask questions without giving instructions.

No teacher is *perfect*—to err is human—but the wisest teacher will be the readiest to learn his mistakes and to correct them.

## The Three Crosses.

SAVED THIEF.      THE LORD JESUS.      UNSAVED THIEF.

Sin <i>in</i> him.	Sin <i>on</i> Him.	Sin <i>in</i> him.
Not <i>on</i> him.	Not <i>in</i> Him.	Sin <i>on</i> him.

[For OUR MISSION.]

## Safe in the Fold.\*

**S**AFE in the fold, oh! tender, loving Shepherd,  
 With breaking hearts we yield our Lamb to Thee,  
 Thou art all wise, all powerful and all loving,  
 Whate'er Thine hand hath done the best must be,  
 Thou hast known earthly sorrow, Jesus, Saviour,  
 Thy sympathy is blending with our pain,  
 Accept the priceless gift, we now return Thee,  
 And keep our child till we shall meet again.  
 Thou left him not to walk the path of sorrow,  
 His purity with sin's dark stain defile,  
 He was but lent to us for a few brief seasons,  
 And now we miss him—for "a little while."  
 Not lost—ah no! but resting with the Master,  
 Beside green pastures, 'neath the tree of life,  
 Where the bright crystal stream is ever flowing,  
 In that dear land far from all sin and strife  
 The Heavenly choir is singing,  
 The golden bells are ringing—  
 While the angel of Death is bringing,  
 Another redeemed one home.  
 His voice now joineth the white-robed band,  
 His feet now press on the shining strand,  
 He dwelleth forever in glory land,  
 But we shall meet again.

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## Why Not in Hell.

**S**HALL I tell you? It is because of what the Saviour says, in his grace, "Let it alone this year, also, till I dig about it, and dung it; and if it bear fruit, well; and if not, after that thou shalt cut it down."—*Luke 13: 8, 9.*

Beware! You have been spared a little moment longer, like the fruitless fig-tree. Do not trifle. Grace holds back the axe of righteous judgment, and pleads, "Let it alone." Oh repent of your sin and unbelief while yet there is time, and trust the Saviour who died for you, so that God may get fruit from you ere the word go forth, "Cut it down;" and your very brief history closes forever in the lake of fire.

Perhaps you dare to say, like many, "No hurry: I can get salvation at any time." Oh, what a delusion of the devil that is! His first device is,—“Let us alone!” then, when that fails, he says,—“Plenty of time yet, plenty of time yet.”

He is a liar from the beginning, and a murderer too. No, reader, no! you cannot be saved when you like. Your lamp may continue to burn for some time after God gives you up. "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation." *II. Cor. 6: 2.* Tomorrow may be too late forever.

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