

## Thorough Teaching

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It is God's desire that multitudes of believers, both men and women, be added to the Lord according to Acts 5:14. It is likewise God's desire that men and women be truly taught, convicted and converted. The Lord adds to his church none who are not according to Acts 2:47. It is further God's desire that those in the church be taught to observe all things commanded of the Lord according to Matthew 28:19-20. God's children must grow in grace and knowledge according to 2 Peter 3:18. They must develop and mature according to 1 Peter 2:2 and Hebrews 5:12-14. They must be steadfast and unmovable (1 Corinthians 15:58), rooted and grounded (Ephesians 3:17).

As the church is in the midst of rapid growth and members of the church live in prosperous times, dangers and evil temptations increase. More teaching must be done. If the gospel is not preached thoroughly and purely, then the church will have multitudes of professed members who are unconverted and untaught. The task of preaching cannot be fulfilled once for all; it cannot be done spasmodically. One generation may be thoroughly indoctrinated and sound in the faith; they may know the truth, love the truth and walk in the truth. But the next generation must be taught all over again or they will make shipwreck of the faith (1 Timothy 1:19).

**Let the truth be taught as though it had never been taught before.**

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