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## TEACHING AND PREACHING LEAD TO ACQUISITION

a continuing study of NT words for preaching and teaching

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The previous article addressed that preaching and teaching are instructive (*didasko*). With proper instruction, the ability of the pupil to perceive truth becomes essential. As a result, the student's responsibility of understanding also becomes vital. Therefore, both teaching and preaching ministries demand the acquisition of imparted knowledge.

The Greek word for "acquisition" related to learning is *manthano*, meaning to learn, hear, find out, and understand. This is not merely acquiring knowledge but that of learning something practical from the knowledge gained. In this sense, "[T]eaching and learning are not scholastic but dynamic and imply personal relationship and activity in the acquisition of knowledge" (ISBE, 2922).

An example passage using *manthano* is Matthew 11:29, "Take my yoke upon you, and **learn** [emphasis mine] of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." The yoke one puts on from Christ is His instruction that will result not just in knowledge but guidance in living. This approach in learning signifies a personal relationship between Christ and the one taking His yoke. As a method for bringing about the intended result, the instruction leads to a purposeful activity for the listener to hear, find out, understand, and learn the Savior. As the knowledge of Christ is imparted and applied in life, the one receiving it will find the intended rest offered through the instruction. Again, the goal of instruction, regardless of the method, is for life change based on biblical truth.

In application to teaching and preaching, the emphasis is always the sharing of truth so that listeners might learn something and live differently because of it. The acquisition of knowledge is not for someone merely to know more stuff. It must always be for a person's conformity to the image of Christ, the object of this knowledgeable acquisition. Such is undoubtedly the goal of teaching, but what we distinguish as preaching cannot exist without a person acquiring biblical truth as the basis of the response. On all levels and by all methods, the proclamation of the Scriptures must seek for listeners to receive the truth and reorder life accordingly.

*Preaching without biblical foundation results in shallowness.  
Teaching without life application results in pride.*

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- APRIL 3-6: PR Director, Forgiveness Conference, FWB Church of Roanoke
- APRIL 8: Southwest Virginia Minister's Conference, Central FWB Church, Norton, VA
- APRIL 9: East Wise Quarterly Conference
- APRIL 10 (Palm Sunday): PR Director, AM Service, First FWB Church, Richmond
- APRIL 17 (Easter): PR Director, AM Service, First FWB Church, Richmond
- APRIL 22-23: East Coast God's Man's Conference, Gateway FWB Church, Virginia Beach
- APRIL 24-27: PR Director, Forgiveness Conference, Woodland Heights FWB Church, Martinsville
- APRIL 29: John Wheeler Annual Association Meeting



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Two of IM's pioneer missionaries, Joe Haas (France) and Fred Hersey (Japan), went home to be with the Lord this week.

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2022

Building Men, Restoring Homes, Honoring God



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### Friday Night

6:30pm ..... Scott Coghill

7:45pm ..... Jim McComas

### Saturday Morning

9:00am ..... Brent Patrick

10:15am ..... Split Session

11:30am ..... Jim McComas

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**Cost: \$20**

## **Conference speakers:**

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and Rev. Brent Patrick



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Find more information and pre-register at <https://nafwb.org/convention/>.

\*The convention is one week later than usual.

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