

## Doctrine of Didasko

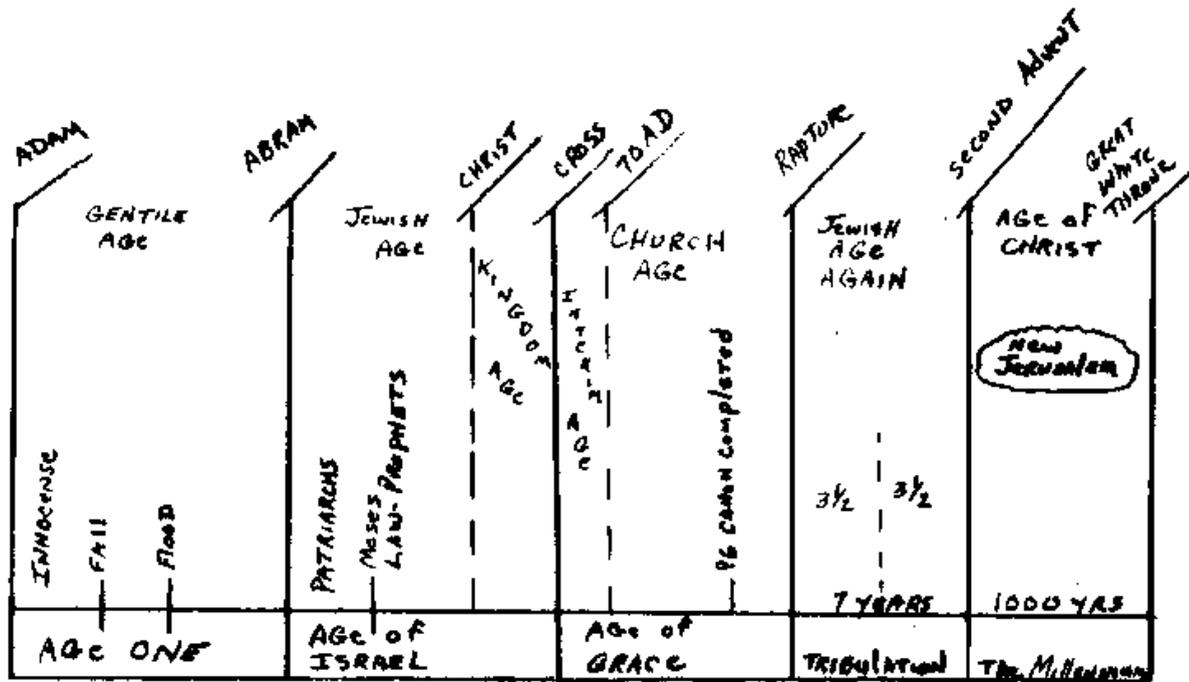
1. The Greek verb **Didasko** originally meant to teach publicly. Teaching was done in a public assembly usually called the **Ekklesia** or church. A teacher is a **Didaskalos** and what is taught is generally referred to as the **Didache**.

2. **Didasko** or public teaching is one of the functions of the Pastor-Teacher and all other functions of the P. T. are designed to support this role; it is the P.T.'s primary function to **Didasko** when it is convenient or inconvenient.

3. In the Church Age believers are urged to attend the local classroom where doctrine should be taught.

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

4. There are two extant communication gifts in the Church Age. They are Pastor-Teacher and Evangelist.



Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

4.1 The Book of Ephesians was written in approximately 62 A. D. during the early church age, which I like to call the interim age; there were many temporary or whip gifts extant, certainly to include the gifts of Apostleship and Prophet.

4.1.1 This explains the listing of these two interim age gifts in Eph 4:11.

5. In the Epistles to the Church only Pastor-Teachers are seen teaching the Word and only Pastor-Teachers are told to teach the Word.

5.1 Notice the examples in the Pastoral Epistles where teaching is listed and commanded for the Pastors:

1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, **apt to teach**;

1Ti 4:11 These things command and **teach**.

2Ti 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, **apt to teach**, patient,

Tit 2:1 But **speak** thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Tit 2:15 These things **speak**, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

2Ti 4:2 **Preach** the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

6. There are basically four words for Pastor-Teacher and each emphasizes a special function of the office.

6.1 **Presbuteros** - this means the old man. The word stresses the authority of the leader of the local church. The word also stresses authority in terms of representing the absent King thus the Ambassador.

Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

1Ti 5:17 Let the **elders** that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.

1Ti 5:19 Against an **elder** receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

1Pe 5:1 The **elders** which are among you I exhort, who am also an **elder**, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

Heb 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

6.2 **Episkopos** - This means the chief overseer and stresses the role of the P. T. as the person in charge of policy making.

1Ti 3:2 A **bishop** then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Phi 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the **bishops** and deacons:

1Pe 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and **Bishop** of your souls.

6.3 **Poimen** - This means the shepherd of the sheep emphasizing the responsibility for protecting the congregation. The protection involves ensuring privacy and shielding from false teachers.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, **pastors** and teachers;

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, **to feed** the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

6.3.1 Interestingly the word overseers is from the noun **Episkopos** and the word to feed is from the verb **Poimaino**. So we see the use of **Poimen** and **Episkopos** in this verse.

1Pe 5:2 **Feed** the flock of God which is among you, **taking the oversight** thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

6.3.2 Again we have feed from the verb **Poimaino** and taking the oversight from the verb **Episkoepo**. So we see the use of **Poimen** and **Episkopos**.

6.4 **Didaskalos** - This means teaching the Word in public assembly and is the noun form of **Didasko**. The word emphasizes the primary aspect of the P.T. which is to provide doctrine to those who come.

1Ti 2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a **teacher** of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

2Ti 1:11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a **teacher** of the Gentiles.

7. There is another word which is often used of the P. T. to stress his role of making known the message from the King and that is **Kerux**.

7.1 This word stresses the evangelistic aspect of many messages given by the P. T. The word originally meant that town crier coming from a king with a message which he would publicly herald.

2Ti 1:11 And of this gospel I was appointed a **herald** and an apostle and a teacher.

8. All teaching however is a responsibility of the Holy Spirit.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Joh 16:13 Therefore when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

9. The role of the Pastor-Teacher is to provide a surfeit to feed those who elect to bring the Holy Spirit to Church.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;