

Leadership Mini-Tips

on Master Teachers

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- *We reproduce who we are*
- *We need to model desired outcomes*
- *Effective teaching involves helping navigate students around personal roadblocks to their learning and growth*
- *Follow Christ and students will follow you following Christ*

A Master Teacher

1. Is a **LIFELONG LEARNER** (for life transformation)
 - a. Needs to practice personal devotions regularly
 - b. Needs to study the Bible regularly
 - c. Needs to study academic disciplines to keep up on current thought, research, paradigms, etc.
 - d. Needs to study culture
 - e. Needs to understand effective learning and teaching methodology
2. Processes **LIFE EXPERIENCES** (to gain understanding, wisdom, and maturity)
 - a. Needs to learn Godly perspective from making good decisions
 - b. Needs to gain Godly perspective from making poor decisions (so as to not make the same mistake again)
 - c. Needs to learn to trust God in difficult times
3. **TEACHES STUDENTS TO LEARN** (for life transformation)
 - a. Needs to help students listen to content
 - b. Needs to help students evaluate information Biblically
 - c. Needs to help students learn how to respond obediently to God
4. **PLANS FOR IMPACT** (to empower, equip, envision, etc.)
 - a. Needs to help students develop problem solving tools/skills
 - b. Needs to help students learn how to solve problems Biblically
 - c. Needs to help students learn how to hear God and obey
 - d. Needs to help students learn how to evaluate and improve

5. **DEMONSTRATES EXCELLENCE** (in life and ministry – “as though being videoed”)
 - a. Needs to evaluate honestly (strengths and weaknesses)
 - b. Needs to change to become more effective
 - c. Needs to learn effective communication techniques (that are up to date with the culture)

6. Be **PREPARED** (for all types of communication events)
 - a. Needs to explain expectations clearly
 - b. Needs to simplify (without dumbing it down)
 - c. Needs to pray until “hot” (empowered by the Spirit)
 - d. Needs to be led by the Spirit

7. Be **CREATIVE** (for the sake of being effective not trendy)
 - a. Needs to try new techniques of communication and evaluate for effectiveness
 - b. Needs to learn from other excellent (and poor) communicators what works (and does not work)
 - c. Needs to learn to “read” students and vary communication techniques/styles to maintain their attention

8. **IDENTIFY EMERGING LEADERS** (and invest in them through mentoring relationships)
 - a. Needs to see potential and lovingly draw it out
 - b. Needs to believe in, make room for, and allow opportunities for “on the job” learning
 - c. Needs to be available when they are struggling
 - d. Needs to lead them to dependence on God