

# HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

## Lesson Seventeen

### TEACHERS (2): WHY WE NEED TEACHERS

#### Burden to Impart:

The most important relationship children have apart from their parents is probably that with their teachers. A wrong attitude (critical, disrespectful; disobedient, etc.) toward their teacher can really frustrate their learning experience. The children should realize that their teacher has studied, learned, and been qualified to teach. Moreover, they have chosen to teach because they have a desire to help children. The children should respect, obey, and cooperate with their teachers.

**Memory Verse:** "I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me" (Proverbs 5:13).

#### Facts to Teach:

1. As we grow up, the most important place in our life is our home. The next most important place (where we spend most of our time, even a great deal of our life) is our school. The most important persons in our life are our parents. The next most important persons are our teachers.
2. Our teachers are responsible for almost all of our education. Children spend about half of their waking hours in school to receive their education from their teachers. They teach us how to read, write, do arithmetic, health, science, etc. They teach us so many things about so many different subjects.
3. Our teachers must first go to school, study a lot, and learn a lot for many years before they are allowed to become a teacher. At least they must study twelve years of school and four years of college. That is sixteen years of learning. Surely they have a lot they can teach!
4. Not only must teachers be trained to teach, they must want to teach. Most adults who go to college do not want to be teachers because it is a hard job. It requires a lot of patience to handle a classroom full of children. And many children do not follow the teacher's directions. Oftentimes teachers become so frustrated that after a few years they quit teaching to take up an easier job. Children should learn to highly respect their teachers and do their very best to be a help and a joy to the teacher, instead of a disturbance and cause of irritation.
5. Some children think of their teacher as someone who makes them work and do things they don't like (memorizing, writing, etc.). This is a wrong attitude. Children should realize that they **MUST** learn some things in order to work and live in the future, and their teachers are doing their best to help them. To speak disrespectfully to a teacher or about a teacher is a shame to a child. It means they are not grateful for the opportunity to learn. They should be courteous, friendly, respectful, and obedient to their teachers.