

Not All Heroes Wear Capes

1 THESSALONIANS 2:8

- **1 Thessalonians 2:8 - ⁸ So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.**

- **“We can be in our day what the heroes of faith were in their day - but remember at the time they didn't know they were heroes –
A.W. Tozer**

- **Greatness is not about doing big things or touching many people, it is not about the scope of our ministry but the depth of our ministry.**
- **It is not how many people I've talked to but rather who has been changed and brought closer to Jesus Christ because of my life.**
- **Was anyone made better, were they more in love with Jesus, closer to Jesus because of me? This is our calling!**

We Must Teach

- **1 Timothy 3:10 - ¹⁰ But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. (NLT)**
- **Deuteronomy 11:19 - ¹⁹ You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.**

- **1 Timothy 3:13-14 - ¹³ But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived. ¹⁴ But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. (NLT)**
- **The church changes the world not by making converts but by making disciples. – John Wesley**

Teach with your life

- Where one man reads the Bible, a hundred read you and me – D.L. Moody
- Titus 2:6-8 - ⁶ In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. ⁷ And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching. ⁸ Teach the truth so that your teaching can't be criticized. Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and have nothing bad to say about us.

- **A man ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian... and most of all, his family ought to know. – D.L. Moody**
- **Your life as a Christian should make non-believers question their disbelief in God. –
Diedrich Bonhoeffer**

- **“What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.” - John Wesley**
- **What one generations sees as optional, the next generation will see as unnecessary.**

We Must Correct

- **Titus 2:15 - ¹⁵ You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don't let anyone disregard what you say. (NLT)**

Be Gentle and Loving

- Galatians 6:1 - Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. (NKJV)
- The one badge of Christian discipleship is not orthodoxy but love. – Billy Graham

We Must Share Our Lives

- **1 Thessalonians 2:8 - 8 Having such a deep affection for you, we were delighted to share with you not only God's good news but also our own lives, because you had become so very dear to us. (AMP)**
- **Be willing to share the truth of who you are. Don't pretend to be perfect.**
- **Share your failures and trials. Let them know of your setbacks and struggles.**

We Must Testify of God's Greatness

- **Psalm 145:4 - One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.**