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## Preparedness and Planning Agenda:

- The Goals of a Bible Class
- What is a “good” Class?
- Character of a Teacher
- Character of a Student
- Steps for Preparing a Bible Class
- Improving a Bible Class

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## What are the goals of a Bible class?

To enable a person to acquire and maintain a personal faith in God through a diligent study of God's word

- Gain Knowledge->Faith->Obey, Follow, Serve!
- Set our sights on being a *“workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.”* (2 Tim 3:15)
- Student's Goal?
- God's Goal?

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## **Characteristics of a Teacher?**

Who's the Best Teacher you've had?

Jesus Christ is the Master Teacher

What are some of the teacher characteristics we can see immediately?



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## Teacher Characteristics:

- A follower of God (Christian!)
- Knowledge of Truth
- Lived the truth!
- Cared about his students
- Related to / Knew his students
- Used various methods at appropriate times
- Motivates and Inspires
- He was / is a Leader!
- He prayed!

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## Characteristics of a Student?

What are the characteristics of a Student?

Hunger and Thirst after righteousness?

Does it matter?

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**Teaching is Merely getting so  
brimful of the Word of God  
that it just runs over!**

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## What is a good Class?

What are some of the best classes you've attended

Remember the goal:

A good class develops FAITH and  
KNOWLEDGE

Bible class is not about quantity, but  
QUALITY!

Some of the best classes I've attended only  
covered one verse or thought . . . WHY?

QUALITY!!!!

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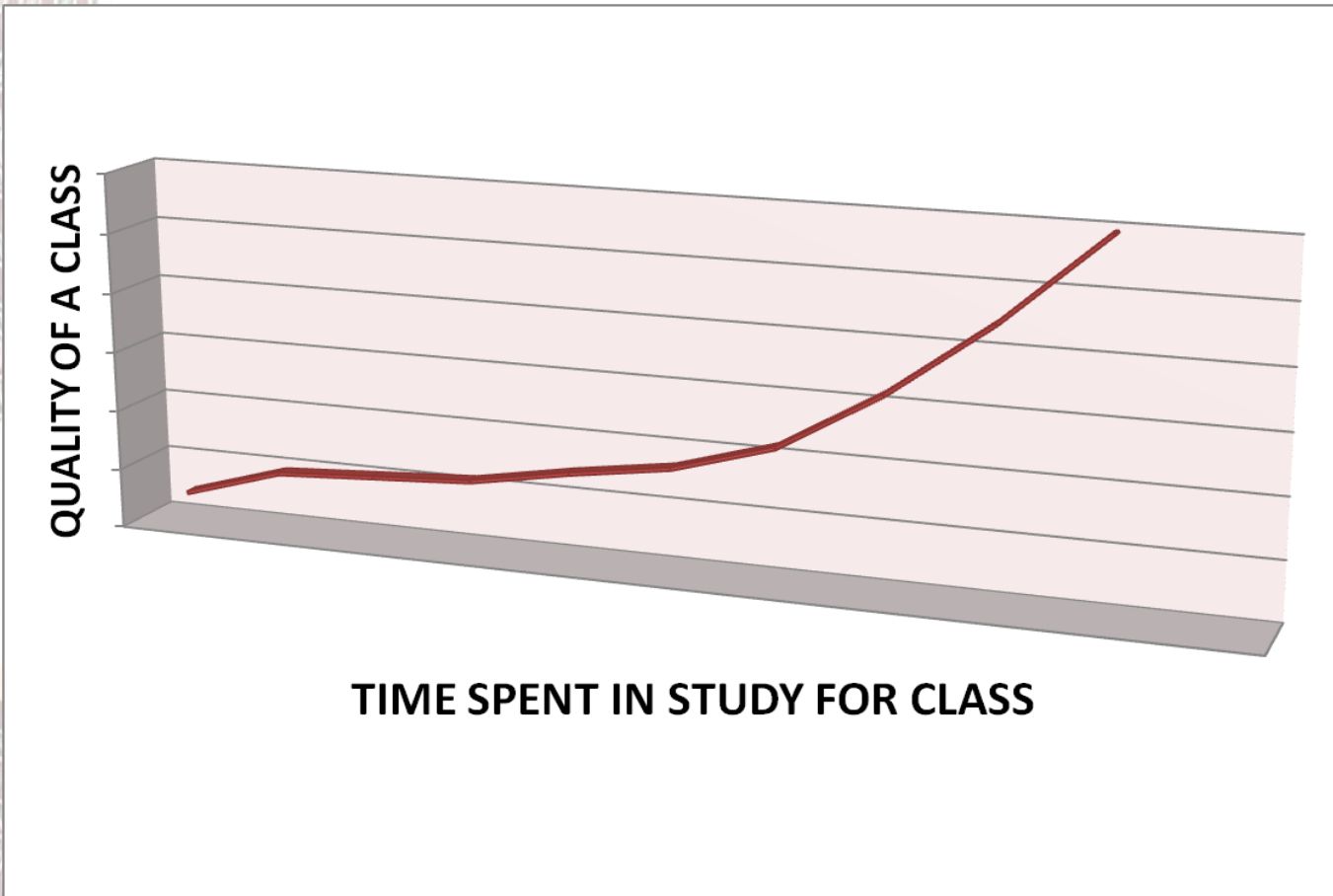
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## Steps for Preparing a Bible Class

- Pray!
  - Christians recognize the need and power of Prayer
  - Depend upon God, his material
  - God Grants the growth, NOT YOU!
- Studying, Learning, Outlining

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## Studying for a Bible Class: **QUALITY!**



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## Steps for Preparing

- Pray
- Studying, Learning, Outlining
  - How much time should you spend?
  - It depends on YOU!
  - Use a teacher's guide as a GUIDE! Make the material your own!
  - KISS PRINCIPLE
  - Keep it Simple Silly!
  - FLOWCHART

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## Steps for Preparing

- Studying, Learning, Outlining

**Pray Throughout!**



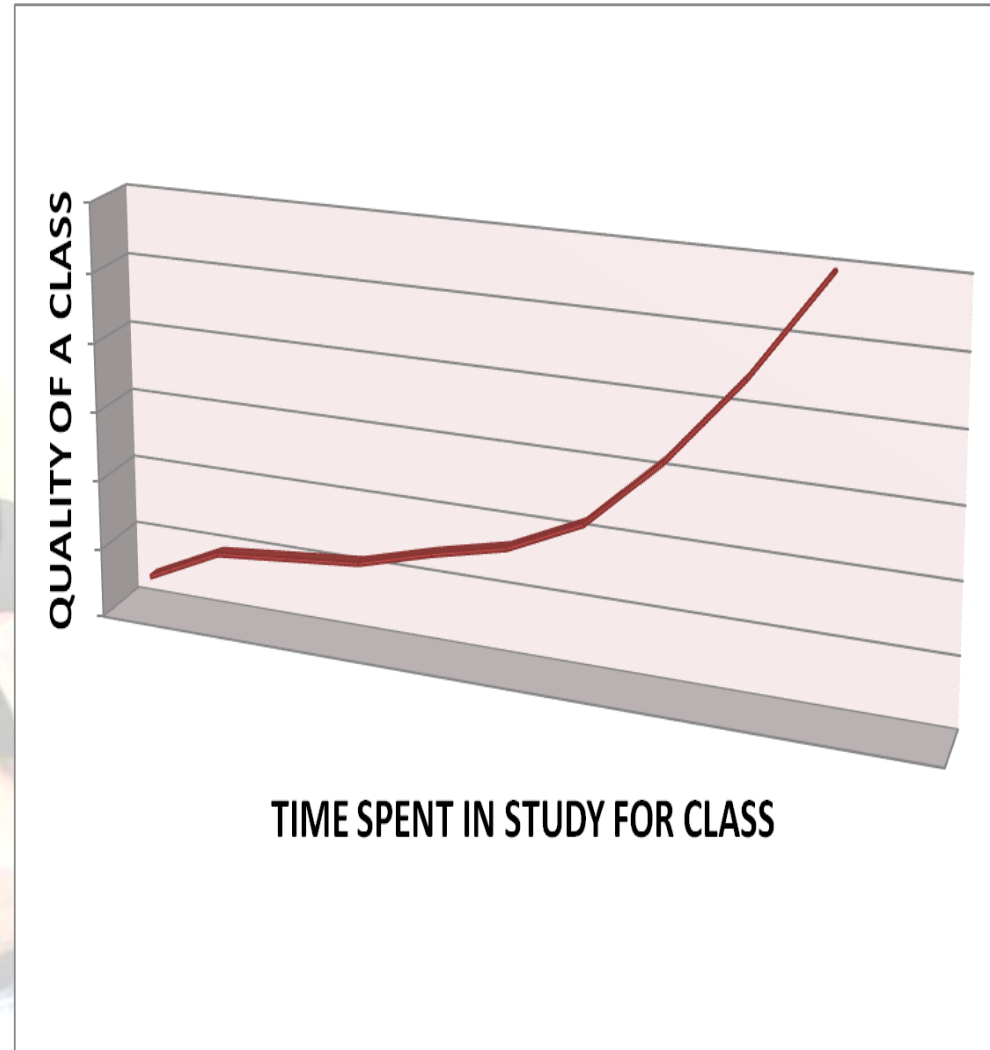
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## Steps for Preparing

- Studying, Learning, Outlining Tradeoffs?



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## Steps for Preparing

- Pray
- Studying, Learning, Outlining
  - Feed the Giraffes?  
Rhinos and Antelopes?



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## Steps for Preparing

- Pray
- Studying, Learning, Outlining
- Pot Hole and Roadblock Identification
  - Guaranteed! You will be surprised
  - Guaranteed! You will be asked something you don't know
  - Guaranteed! You will get a comment off subject or leading off subject
  - Be ready to NOT be ready
  - Identify what you can
  - Practice fielding questions (Roleplay exercise)

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## Steps for Preparing

- Pray
- Studying, Learning, Outlining
- Pot Hole and Roadblock Identification
- Physical Preparation
  - Visit / Prepare the classroom
  - Test the Microphone and moving!
  - Test your PowerPoint
  - Get Rest!
  - SHOW UP EARLY
    - Shows Interest / Respect!
    - Questions!

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## Improving a Bible Class

- We should all strive to improve our ability to teach!
- Be willing to CHANGE!
- Think about the last class, apply!
- Listen to your Students!
- Keep your Class Materials
- Take Notes
- REMIND yourself and practice changes
- Can Habits be changed?

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## Preparedness and Planning Summary:

**Be Prepared.**

**Spend time in prayer, study,  
conversation and thought  
to create a quality class**

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## Some Common Mistakes To Avoid

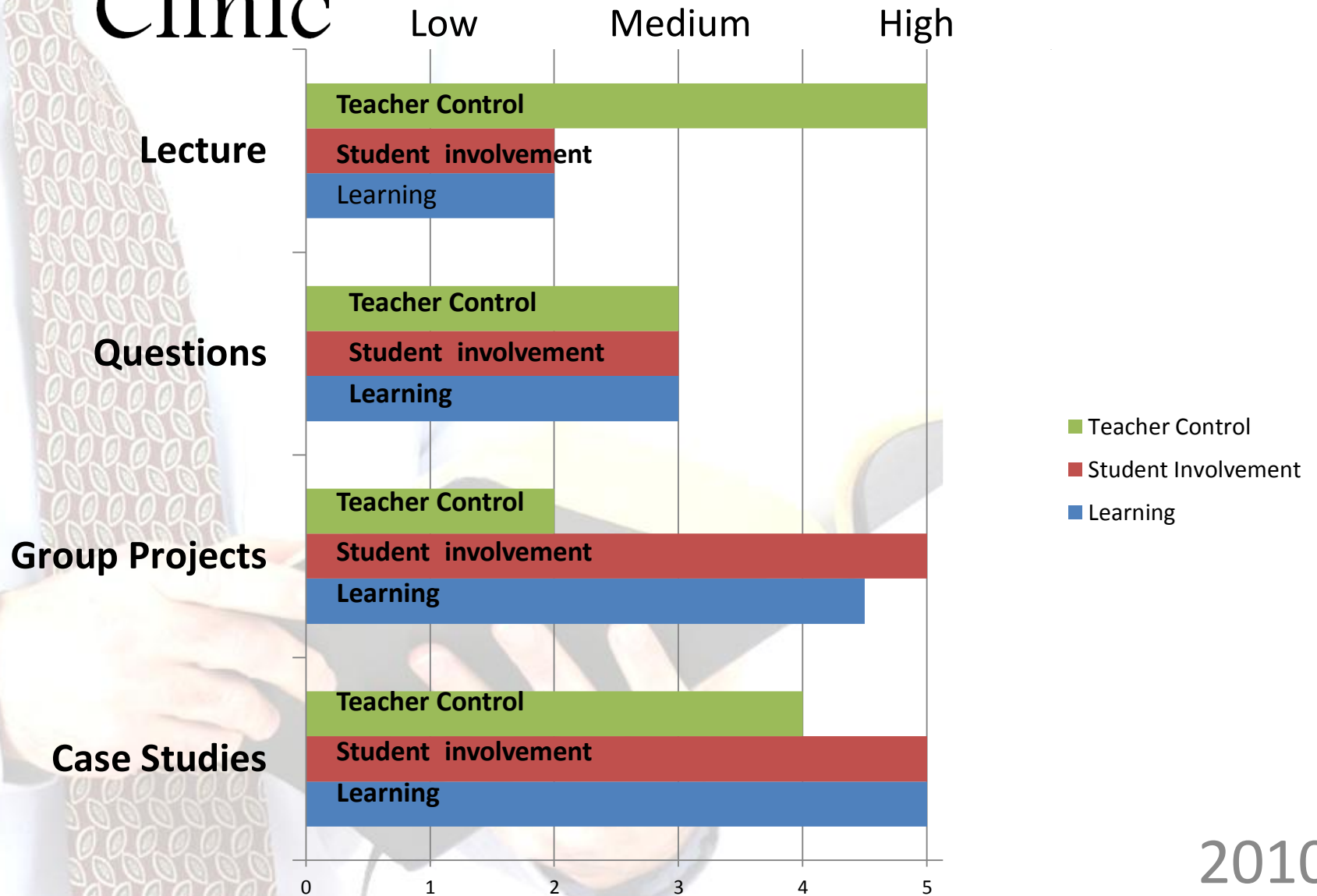
- Don't begin class by a long discourse
- Don't ask for obvious answers
- Don't punish those with wrong answers
- Don't converse with just one person
- Don't teach an entire class vrs by vrs
- Do not be led outside scope of discussion
- Don't move too fast – too slow
- Don't answer your own questions
- Don't teach class the same way every time

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## Some Common Helps

- Do remember attitude is everything
- Do teach from a fresh memory
- Do consider others' techniques
- Do accept the authority

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- Do help comments stay on subject
- Do remember your goal
- Do use visual aids