

Teaching Philosophy

I believe that education is a powerful tool that Christians can use to minister to others and glorify God. As an educator, it is my job to minister to my students. The word minister can be defined as *to give aid or service*. I believe it is the Christian Educator's job to serve their students. Jesus modeled what service and teaching looks like perfectly when He washed the feet of his disciples, humbly demonstrating servant leadership (John 13:1-17). I also believe Christian educators should convey practical knowledge that is viewed through the lens of a Biblical worldview and the characteristics of Jesus. He exemplified patient instruction and compassion, as seen in his interactions with the crowds, teaching them profound truths and wisdom (Matthew 14:13-21, Matthew 13:1-52). Through these actions, Jesus not only imparted knowledge but also embodied the selfless love, structure, and humility that are foundational to effective teaching and ministry.

Modeling the actions of Jesus, and ministering to students through discussing and teaching of the scriptures is what I am called to do as an educator. As a dedicated doctoral student in the dissertation phase pursuing a Ph.D. in Psychology with an emphasis in Theology at Liberty University, I feel I bring a strong academic foundation and expertise in merging psychological insights with theological principles. Holding a Master of Divinity, I am equipped with a unique blend of counseling skills and teaching experience in the Ministry for 14+ years. My goal is to leverage my academic and practical knowledge, contributing to the growth of students and fostering a dynamic learning environment that integrates psychology, theology, and pastoral care.