

LAMPLIGHTERS INTERNATIONAL – DISCIPLE-MAKER TIP #17

TITLE: "DOGS AND TRICKS"

Howard Hendricks is a distinguished professor at Dallas Theological Seminary and a great communicator of God's Word. In one of his seminars on how to teach the Bible effectively, an elderly Christian man (who taught an adult Sunday School class) approached him after one of his sessions and said, "*Dr. Hendricks, what you are teaching us is all very good, but you can't teach old dogs new tricks.*" Dr. Hendricks replied, "*Sir, we are not teaching dogs and we are not teaching tricks. We are teaching God's eternal truth.*"

Every time you lead a Bible Study you have an amazing opportunity to help others understand God and His Word. And, the spiritual truths they learn during the Bible Study may eventually be shared with their families and others – for generations to come. **Don't take this tremendous responsibility and privilege lightly.**

If you were planning to meet someone for an important business meeting, wouldn't you prepare thoroughly and do the best you can to make your best presentation? If we are teaching God's life-changing truth, shouldn't we do the same – or even more?

Remember – we are not teaching dogs and we are not teaching tricks! We are teaching God's inspired Word and nothing is more important. Be prepared, be clean (from unconfessed sin), and be ready to let God use you and His Word to change lives forever for His glory.

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