

*What does the bible say about being inspired by other people?*

When one speaks from the word of God, he has all authority of any apostle or prophet (Ps. 119:142, 151, 160). A student of the word is encouraged to find good bible teachers (Matt. 28:19, 20, Ac 17:10–12). Believers should provoke one another unto good works (Heb 10:24).

A mentor must support his teaching with scripture (Deut. 4:8; Ps. 19:7–11). We are not to make idols of bible teachers themselves (Ac 5:29). It is Christ's likeness that we seek (Ac 20:32).

Believers are to be likeminded (Phil 2:2); though sometimes, pride gets in the way and differences of opinions occur. Christians should test all things against God's word (Ac 17:11, 2 Pet. 1:20, 21). God's word is the final word.

Good bible teachers should instruct and edify others (Mic. 3:8; Ac 1:8). It is important to have a good mentors so that we are not deceived by the wicked (2 Cor. 13:1–3; Gal. 1:6–11). Bad company corrupts good morals (1 Co 15:33). God will get the good news to each individual though his people (Eze 33:33). If they refuse a good teacher (Is 55:11) then God will send them a false teacher (2 Thess 2:11) and him they will accept (Jn 5:42–43, 1 Jn 2:19). One must receive the testimony of others not as the word of men, but as the word of God (1 Th 2:13, Jas 2:8). A Christian testifies to the fact that Christ died and rose again and how it is proven true in his life (Ac 20:21, 24).

Men are responsible not for what they don't know but for what they do know. Some prefer truth (Jn 14:6, 2 Ti 4:3) but others prefer lies (Jer 5:31) because their deeds are evil (Jn 3:19). Adrian Rogers said, "While they do not have enough light to save them, they do have enough sin to condemn them." Eze 18:20, Jn 3:36.

We owe a debt to our spiritual fathers in the faith (1 Co 4:15). Every Christian is an evangelical (2 Tim. 2:24–26) from Adam to Zechariah, men shared their faith with others and still do today (Ac 18:28). We were called out for a purpose (Eph. 4:11). The Lord uses us like a chef uses his favorite pot in the kitchen over and over again. He will test our love to ensure that it is true (Pr 17:3).

God makes men in all shapes and sizes, inclinations and temperaments (1 Sa 16:7). We should not resent others because they do not fulfill our expectation of what it means to be a Christ follower. Ezekiel was seen as callous (Eze 24:17) and Jeremiah was weepy (Jer 9:1). God raises up men for the purposes of sharing his word. They often maintain the personalities that they've always had although now for God's use. If God can use a donkey to share his message (Nu 22:28) than he can use anyone (1 Co 1:27, Jas 2:5, Ro 8:33). Men are made in his image (Eze 36:26, 2 Co 5:17). When they are justified, they are given spiritual gifts (1 Co 12). The apostle Paul wrote: the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all (1 Co 12:6–7).

As individuals grow in the faith, they will become bold for him (1 John 4:17). One should never be ashamed of the gospel (which is the bible from cover to cover). The apostle Paul wrote: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek (Ro 1:16).