

# Qualifications for a Sunday School Teacher

Everyone is welcome at Bible Baptist Church of Ballincollig – the rich, the poor, the neat, the sloppy, the pillar of society, and the outcast of society. In Mark 2:17, Jesus said, *“They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”* The ground is level at Calvary! Furthermore, every member of Bible Baptist Church is loved, right where they are. There is no mould into which one must fit in order to find acceptance.

However, when a Christian becomes involved in leadership, the question is not as much about liberty as responsibility. When someone teaches a class, he or she represents the Lord Jesus Christ. Being a leader means being willing to sacrifice personal liberty for the good of the brethren. Paul modeled this servant leadership when he wrote I Corinthians 8:1-13 and 10:15-33.

Many today emphasize our freedom as Christians. Freedom does not mean the absence of constraints or absolutes. A skydiver would not refuse a parachute because it binds him. He welcomes the constraint of the parachute so that he may enjoy the exhilaration of skydiving. The principles and commands in God’s Word act the same way: they restrain, so we may enjoy real freedom in Christ. Romans 6:18 explains, *“Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”* Thank God for the loving restraints He puts between us and sin’s pitfalls.

## **QUALIFICATIONS of a Sunday school Teacher**

Must be saved, baptized, and a member of this church.

Must spend time daily with the Lord in Bible reading and prayer.

Must make the time to every week to study and prepare your lesson

Must be a cheerful tither and financial supporter of this church and ministry.

Must be involved in daily witnessing (“...ye are the light of the world...”) and weekly, participate in public soulwinning times.

Must be loyal, true, faithful, dedicated, and supportive of: The pastor, the church, Baptist doctrine, separation, the philosophy and direction of the church

Must control their tongue. Not a gossip, not a slanderer, not double-tongued

Must abstain from gambling, drinking, using tobacco in any form, using non-prescription drugs, listening to worldly music, worldly dancing, association with oath-bound secret societies, exhibiting an uncooperative spirit, and the use of profanity or filthy language.

Must dress modestly and appropriately according to the Word of God and in accordance with Bible Baptist Church of Ballincollig both at church and in public. Ladies- Modest dress or skirts / Men – shirt and tie (no jeans)

Perform assigned duties of Sunday School teacher, using the prescribed teaching materials unless granted use of other approved lessons

Be a part of the team. Teamwork is a key ingredient to a successful ministry! Don’t just do it your own way!

Attend all services including but not limited to: Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, Wednesday Night, Revivals, Outreaches, Mission Conferences, & Special Meetings

**Important note:** Must be willing to have a background check done when/if required, and participate in all regular Teacher and Helper training

## **WHAT IT TAKES TO HAVE A GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- It will take a down-to-earth personal commitment to the fact that Bible Study is serious and worthy business.
- It will take time-consuming, costly personal study and searching of the Scriptures.
- It will take faithfulness on the part of everyone. Teachers must lead their classes in Sunday Bible Study, regular planning, and weekly visitation. Members must be faithful followers in all of the above.
- It will take imagination and creativity as we relate the Biblical truth to modern-day problems.
- It will take the study and involvement of Sunday School Class Members. A Sunday School teacher can't spoon-feed his class and expect it to be interesting. Sunday School is not primarily for entertainment. It is for serious Bible Study.
- It will take prayer and devotion and meditation in the truths you learn.
- Finally, we must all boldly seek to foster a growing Bible Study time by constantly inviting everyone we know to be a part.
- Is it worth the price? Well, a study of the New Testament reveals that you can't have a Church without real Bible study. Let's involve ourselves enthusiastically in regular Bible study period.