

Improving as a Christlike Teacher— A Personal Evaluation

As teachers, we should regularly evaluate our strengths and weaknesses so that we can help learners build faith in Jesus Christ and become more like Him. The following activity can help you apply principles of Christlike teaching. Consider how well each of the following statements describes you as a teacher. Choose the most appropriate response for each statement: (1) rarely, (2) sometimes, (3) often, (4) almost always.

Then, as guided by the Spirit, prayerfully select a few things you would like to improve. Set some goals, and use this resource to help you improve.

Focus on Jesus Christ

- ☐ I teach about Jesus Christ no matter what I am teaching.
- ☐ I emphasize the example of Jesus Christ.
- ☐ I help learners recognize the Lord's love, power, and mercy in their lives.
- ☐ I help learners strengthen their relationship with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.
- ☐ I help learners intentionally strive to be more like Jesus Christ.

Love Those You Teach

- ☐ I strive to see learners the way God sees them.
- ☐ I seek to know those I teach—to understand their circumstances, needs, and strengths.
- ☐ I pray for learners by name.
- ☐ I create a safe environment where all are respected and know their contributions are valued.
- ☐ I find appropriate ways to express my love.

Teach by the Spirit

- ☐ I prepare myself spiritually to teach.
- ☐ I respond to spiritual promptings about the needs of learners.
- ☐ I create settings and opportunities for learners to be taught by the Holy Ghost.
- ☐ I help learners seek, recognize, and act on personal revelation.
- ☐ I bear testimony often, and I encourage learners to share their feelings, experiences, and testimonies.

Teach the Doctrine

- ☐ I learn the doctrine of Jesus Christ for myself.
- ☐ I teach from the scriptures and the words of latter-day prophets.
- ☐ I help learners seek, recognize, and understand truths in the scriptures.
- ☐ I focus on truths that lead to conversion and build faith in Jesus Christ.
- ☐ I help learners find personal relevance in the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

Invite Diligent Learning

- ☐ I help learners take responsibility for their learning.
- ☐ I encourage learners to come to know the Savior by studying the gospel daily.
- ☐ I invite learners to prepare to learn.
- ☐ I encourage learners to share the truths they are learning.
- ☐ I invite learners to live what they are learning.