# THE SHEPHERD TEACHER

# Gracious Classroom Management

"EDUCATION IS THE PERIOD DURING WHICH YOU ARE BEING INSTRUCTED BY SOMEBODY YOU DO NOT KNOW, ABOUT SOMETHING YOU DO NOT WANT TO KNOW."

G.K. Chesterton

## BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

IN VVII. Shepherding Hearts Directing Affections Ordering Loves

How Does My Classroom Management **ORIENT STUDENTS TO LOVE WHAT GOD LOVES?** 

**"OUR GOAL IS NOT TO MAINTAIN CONTROL AT ANY COST; IT IS RATHER** TO PERSUADE. INFLUENCE AND **PERSUASION ARE ALWAYS MORE IMPORTANT THAN DISCIPLINE."** 

Ted Tripp

# IT IS EASY TO REDUCE CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT TO CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE.

#### WE ARE ALL TEMPTED TO HANG APPLES SOMETIMES.

## **Sources of Temptation**

- Fear of Man
- . Impatience
- Exhaustion
- Neglect
  Laziness



## SHEPHERDING REQUIRES

- Diligence to build relationships
- Humility to get messy and show imperfection
  - Discernment to know when & how to guide.
  - Patience to wait in the messiness with students
  - Willingness to seek and accept help
  - Loss of control of the appearance of situations

# SHEPHERDING RELIES ON THE Work of the Holy Spirit

You can not control and will not see all the work that shepherding produces.

It is not our job to change hearts but it is our job to show students how much they need heart change.

#### **Behaviorism Cycle**



Better/Newer Stimuli Even Better/Newer Stimuli

**Desired Response** 

Desired Response ....mostly

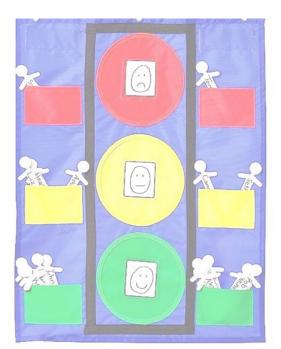
Desired Response ... probably

Child gets better at displaying the desired behavior at advantageous times... for a price

## **BEHAVIORISM AMPLIFIES SIN**

# *positive* Behavior Jar 📖 So sweet! : \$ =Good job!

#### Behaviorism Appeals to What is Wrong in a Child





**"VIRTUE IS RIGHTLY ORDERED LOVE,** THE CONDITION OF AFFECTION IN WHICH EVERY OBJECT IS ACCORDED THAT KIND OF DEGREE OF LOVE WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO IT." C.S. Lewis, Abolition of Man

# Individual Shepherding

Guiding students to their profound need for the gospel through daily life one on one.

#### Whole-Flock Shepherding

Developing unity, respect, and responding to the Spirit to share truth that applies to many student's hearts.

Loving, Truthful Communication

Frequent, straight forward communication, Honest and gracious in tone to students & parents.

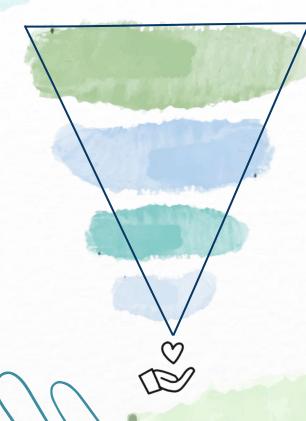
Relational

Components

**Teacher Model** 

Who you are and how you lead sets the tone for your classroom & teaches your student what you love

#### **Timecard of a Classroom Shepherd**.



#### Instructing

Explicitly training students on expectations & Godly perspectives
Modeling

Demonstrating rightly ordered affections

#### Correcting

Seeing behavior that does not meet expectations and redirecting it

#### Shepherding

Guiding students to view the attitudes of their hearts in the light of God's Word & correct their path

# "CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT IS NOT ABOUT HAVING THE RIGHT RULES... It's about having the right RELATIONSHIPS."

Danny Steele

#### **INDIVIDUAL SHEPHERDING**

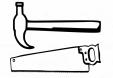
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## SHEPHERDING RESTORES HEARTS



Demolish

Destroys the child in the process of trying to destroy the sin.
Quick, cheap,
lasting impact of unknown quality



#### Remodel

Pushes the sin deeper to a less visible place or covers it up. Fairly quick and cheap, very temporary impact of unknown quality.



#### Restore

Gently gets to the heart of the sin so it can be destroyed. Slow and requires Holy Spirit, lasting impact of good, true, & beautiful quality.

## SHEPHERDING QUESTIONS

#### TO ASK THE STUDENT

- 1. What was going on?
- 2. What were you thinking and feeling as it was happening?
- 3. What did you do in response?
- 4. Why? What did you want to accomplish?
- 5. What was the result?

#### TO ASK YOURSELF

- 1. How does Christ see this child?
- 2. How has Christ dealt with me when I have sinned?
- 3. What does Christ command me to do?
- 4. What can Christ do with this student?
- 5. What is going on in this student's life?

# **"LOVE, TRUST, AND FORGIVENESS ARE GIVEN** AWAY TO THE STUDENTS IN A LIVING **DEMONSTRATION OF GRACE, OUTRAGEOUS AS GRACE IS"** Donovan Graham

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### CLEARING THE NARROW PATH

#### Purpose

 Cultivating group unity
 Creating clear boundaries for making decisions
 Giving students the tools to clear paths
 themselves

#### Methods

- Targeted assignments
- Devotions
- Object Lessons
- Lunch conversations
- Storytelling
- Peer-to-Peer teaching

## **TEACHER MODEL**

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# "As God's ambassador you do not relate to a student neutrally, you are either part of God's work or in the way of it"

Paul Tripp

TAUGHT CURRICULUM: THE PLANNED CONTENT

Caught Curriculum: **The Teacher** 



### LOVING, TRUTHFUL COMMUNICATION

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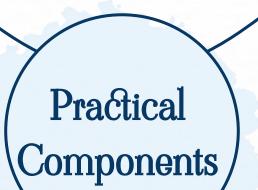


#### Classroom & Subject Liturgies

There is a rhythm to the day, the class, the life inside your classroom. The pieces that create this are good, true, & beautiful.

#### Established Expectations

Students know what you desire from them, how to achieve it, and what to do • if they fall short.



# Routines & Procedures

Your routines & procedures are consistent, equitable, and logical. Your time and attention to them is evident.

#### **Aesthetics**

Your classroom is thoughtfully designed to be beautiful & welcoming. It creates an atmosphere for Scholé learning.

# "Sow a thought and you reap an ACTION; SOW AN ACT AND YOU REAP A HABIT: SOW A HABIT AND YOU REAP A CHARACTER; SOW A CHARACTER AND YOU **REAP A DESTINY."** Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **CLASSROOM & SUBJECT LITURGIES**



These create the rhythm to the day, the class, the life inside your classroom.

## CONSIDERATIONS FOR A CLASSROOM LITURGY

- Clear priorities: What comes first? What never gets missed?
- Daily repetition and review for permanent learning
- Worthy content
- Consistent expectations
- Predictable reactions

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#### THE ROLE OF RULES





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**CORRECTION** Rules provide a standard of correction PROTECTION Rules provide protection GUIDELINES Rules provide a guideline toward heart change

# **REACTIONS & CONSEQUENCES**

#### GRACE

Getting a blessing we do not deserve

#### JUSTICE

Getting the consequence we deserve

#### MERCY Not getting the consequence we deserve

#### **ROUTINES & PROCEDURES**

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## **Reflecting An Orderly God**

- If your routines procedures do not show care and attention why would your students respond with care and attention?
- Are your routines and procedures training students to develop virtue?







Shepherding Begins **Before** the Students Enter Our Classrooms

- Have you designed an inviting, restful, and undistracting classroom that points them to the good, true, & beautiful?
- Have you considered how God has created your students in crafting your expectations for them?
- Have you prayed for them?

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