

BEGINNING WELL: TIPS FOR NOVICE TEACHERS

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INTRODUCTION

Research indicates there are some general concerns faced by all beginning teachers in terms of informational needs regarding policies, procedures, and resources, as well as needs related to classroom organization and management. After thirty-four years in education, I pass on a few tips that have helped me.

I. MOST FREQUENTLY PERCEIVED PROBLEMS OF NEW TEACHERS

- A. Classroom _____
- B. _____ students
- C. Dealing with individual _____
- D. _____ students' work
- E. Relations with _____
- F. _____ of class work
- G. Insufficient _____ and _____
- H. Dealing with _____ of individual students

II. INFORMATIONAL NEEDS OF NEW TEACHERS

- A. Demographic, social structure, history
- B. Philosophy of Christian education
- C. Contractual Obligations
- D. Professional Obligations
- E. Discipline Policy
- F. Grading and Retention Policy

III. PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Convinced of God's call
2. Persevere
3. Trust God for results
4. Guard your energy
5. Follow the program
6. Proper responsibility
7. Care of self
8. Walk with Christ
9. Sensitivity to students' needs
10. Bible literacy
11. Consistent prayer life
12. Proper view of faculty
13. Faculty devotions
14. Faculty meetings
15. Personal in-service growth
16. Professional competence
17. Discipline
18. Extracurricular activities
19. Sound judgment
20. Positive attitude

21. No division
22. Punctual
23. Meet deadlines
24. Respect school authorities
25. Handle problems biblically
26. Accept correction
27. School representative
28. Confidentiality
29. No partiality
30. Personal finances
31. Deal directly
32. Give wholeheartedly
33. Forgiving spirit
34. Respect colleagues
35. Goals
36. Bulletin boards
37. Conscientious
38. Local church
39. Biblical view of students
40. Leave with class