

# Is "Christian Education" Biblical?

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Roy Zuck, author and Bible teacher, relates an anecdote that shows the lack of esteem that Christian education has in the minds of some people:

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**and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."** .

Here is a partial list of gifted men whom God has given the church. The phrase "pastors and teachers" refers to only one office. This use of "and" can be taken as a hyphen. Why is this significant? It indicates that teaching is an integral function of a pastoral ministry. A pastor's role is educational, not just evangelistic or administrative.

The primary purpose of a pastor's ministry is to "prepare God's people for works of service." The word translated "prepare" was also used of a physician resetting broken m14 f in a perso9's arm, restoring it to useful4 fs. The term also described a fisherman mending his net, equipping it for the day's work. Clearly, equipping others for ministry is aTD (The pr