



CARE CONVERSATIONS

FORWARD
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Dear Friend,

In this next series of *Care Conversations*, we look at some quotes from Emeritus Professor Seymour Sarason (who has since passed on). He established the Yale Psycho-Educational Centre, and wrote numerous books and articles.

The quotes over the next five weeks are taken from an interesting little tome called *Teaching as a Performing Art*. We will reflect on these quotes in relation to some perennial tensions of classroom teaching – are we there to engage the students, to entertain them, to control them? And what Biblical principles can we use to think about these aspects of teaching life more deeply and clearly?

Happy teaching.

Sincerely,

Series 5:

TEACHING AS A PERFORMING ART

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TEACHING DIFFERENTLY

The Apostle Peter reminded his readers that when we as people act unlike humans, we act like animals. He described it this way: *They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish. (2 Peter 2:12)*

Does this apply to teaching? Certainly. It can be seen this way:

What the critics of the time, and many critics of today, have ignored is that the teacher is more than a mechanical conduit of information. (Sarason p.105)

We are not animals. We are not robots. Therefore, teaching is more than being a conduit of information. Yet many of our teachers are trained by people who do not accept that we spiritual beings. How then can they teach differently?

Let's keep encouraging them to rely on God's grace and truth in thinking and

praying about what to teach, and how to teach it.

Grace and peace,

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John 3:27 ESV



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