

Teaching excerpts from a talk by Adib Taherzadeh

"Teaching has become mechanical and fully misunderstood...The conception that we are teaching the Faith so that the numbers will increase is utterly wrong."

"An increase in numbers is a by-product, or the fruit of teaching...the real purpose of teaching, which is so far above and beyond the mere increase in numbers, it becomes an act of devotion."

"You come across a person, you look in their face and you think, 'God I wish this person could be attracted to Ba-ha'u'llah'"

If we aid a person to recognise God this pleases God, and do this because we love to please the Beloved.

"The first Christian to embrace the Faith was a man in Alexandria in Egypt[see the Revelation of Baha'u'llah] On embracing the Faith he wrote a letter to Baha'u'llah expressing his wonder at such a recognition. Baha'u'llah then revealed a Tablet in which He stated that the act of this one person recognising the Cause of God was more meritorious in the eyes of God than the creation of the heavens and the earth."

"The urge to teach can not be created artificially...not until we fall in love with Baha'u'llah, not until we get our knees and beg Him to guide us to a receptive soul will we be successful."

"We have certain physical needs which have to be fulfilled in order that we grow physically. We need to eat, drink, sleep, etc. This is a natural law...it is the same on the spiritual level, if we are to grow spiritually we must pray and read the Writings of Baha'u'llah every morning and evening..."

"This urge to teach the Faith can not be created artificially!...even if the UHJ or the Councillors or the NSA say a thousand times teach, teach, teach...if we become mechanical teachers it will not produce results - it produces problems!...there is no need to be told to teach"

We do it because we love to do it - we love to please God. If we teach in order that we might cause an increase in numbers, it will have no effect, because we are teaching for the wrong motives. If we teach because it is the ardent desire of our hearts to lead a soul to that wonderful station of the recognition and the love of Baha'u'llah, and if in our desire to please the Beloved we have begged that He might guide us to the right people, and if we have first taught and magnetised ourselves by reading the Writings of Baha'u'llah - well then we can not help but be centres of

attraction.

We do not, at any time have to sell the Cause of God! The greatest sound bite is a smile!

Abdul-Baha states that a true Baha'i does not even need to speak..because he will be known by his actions. His deeds will attract people, they themselves will be curious as to why he did such a good thing, they will hear he is a Baha'i and will ask him concerning his belief.

And when that stage is reached, what are the admonitions of Abdul-Baha...open your mouth and say whatever is suggested to you!!!!

That is all!