

# THE APPLICATION OF THE EXAMPLE OF THE JESUS CHRIST AS THE GREAT TEACHER ACCORDING TO JOHN 13:1-17

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**Abstract** - In education, students will show their character or attitude in life according to what they get from the person who teaches and guides them. The example of a teacher's life is very emphasized to be applied so that students can see a good example or example. An example of life is more important than a thousand theories or a thousand beautiful words of wisdom because an example is not just a concept or theory but an action. Good and successful educators are educators who teach theory which can then be realized in practical actions to strengthen the theory that has been taught. In all circumstances, a teacher or teacher is required to be an example for his students. The Lord Jesus Christ is an example or example that must be followed by teachers who want to be successful in teaching. The Lord Jesus Christ is the center of all examples in Christian education. Embodied truth is the only truth that matters. The example of a teacher's life is to complete all his teaching. The teacher is like the "stick of Moses" that God can use to build God's people to know God better. The qualifications of teachers of Christian religious education are very dependent on spiritual personality, mental, and social qualities that imitate the leader or the Great Teacher, namely Jesus Christ. Further followed by the intellectual authority of knowledge and wisdom. This study uses descriptive qualitative research methods. Research provides new knowledge and understanding to Christian teachers that a Christian teacher must have biblical qualifications and can be an example in his life.

**Keywords:** Great teacher, Jesus Christ, John 13, successful teaching.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The world of Christian education is required to have high totality and integrity, Christian educators are required to set an example through their lives, as has been given by the Lord Jesus Christ. Humility, full of love, and gentleness are examples of Jesus Christ that must be used as a guide for every teacher. Indonesian Dictionary (1989), the word totality means wholeness, wholeness, or absoluteness. A teacher must give all the whole and wholeness of his life.

In the Jewish tradition, a teacher (rabbi) is not only a teacher of theoretical matters but also of practical matters. The provisions regarding a teacher according to the Jewish tradition became more severe because a teacher was not allowed to receive compensation or payment for teaching. The proverb that reflects this, for example, "Do not make your students an ax for your livelihood, but make them a beautiful crown, which in the future will give you pride and glory." (Barclay, 1985). This is the basis of Jewish education that everyone who wants to become an educator must-have skills that can be applied to earn his income, and not draw money from his teaching. The Gospel of John 13:1-17 records how Jesus Christ became the perfect rabbi or teacher for His disciples. One example is when Jesus Christ washed the feet of His disciples. Jesus Christ set an example as an educator who had humility in serving His disciples. The world's institutions show an attitude that is contrary to what Jesus Christ has done because He is a servant to those who are led. An important requirement for a Christian educator is to understand the word of God and apply it in his life. because the word of God is the most important subject in the basis of every teaching. A Christian educator must also master several effective teaching methods so that all his teachings are easily understood by students.

Teachers are servants of God who are used to instilling faith in the lives of the students they teach, so that students have a strong foundation in God, and when they are in the wider world they are not easily influenced or swayed by the world's misleading teachings. Luke 21:8; Ephesians 4:14; etc.) and be salt and light to the family. Others in their daily lives Matthew 5:1-16.(Nainggolan, 2007)

Every teacher who wants to succeed in teaching the truth of God's word must follow the example of Jesus Christ (Nainggolan, 2007). A teacher must have a belief, that he was given a mandate by God to educate others. Teachers must set an example in all aspects of their lives. Teachers of Christian religious education need to improve themselves, make themselves a reliable instrument in God, to become a person who is admired and worthy of imitation.

## II. RESEARCH METHODS

The method used in this research is descriptive qualitative, to provide a practical description of the concept of the example of the Lord Jesus as the Great Teacher and its Application for Christian Teachers based on the Gospel of John 13:1-16. The researcher collects information using a literature review from related books or journals to collect information relevant to the topic or problem that is the subject of research.

## III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Definition and Understanding

#### Application

The application is related to the application that is reflected based on the principles that exist in this case whether all the principles of the example of Jesus Christ as the Great Teacher in terms of humility, patience, gentleness, full of authority, power, have been carried out by the teacher.

#### Exemplary

In a general sense, exemplary is a positive life attitude that should be imitated and useful in structuring daily life following applicable norms and ethics. (KBBI Team, 1989). In Greek, exemplary is (upo, deigma) Hupodeigma. In English this word is defined by the word example, a copy which if interpreted in Indonesian is interpreted as an example, which is then translated by the Indonesian Bible Institute into the word exemplary.

An example is a pattern or reference that is used as the basis for doing something, and the results of the work are the same as before. Like Jesus Christ who is an example for all believers especially for teachers. The example of Jesus Christ must be able to be applied in the lives of teachers. A leader must be in the front and be an example for those behind him, as well as a teacher he must be in front and be an example for his students. The life or example of a teacher greatly influences the development or behavior of participants.(Brown, 1981).

#### Teacher

People who work or work as teachers. In another sense, a teacher is a person who has expertise in a particular field and is good at teaching others about it. In Indonesia, teachers generally refer to professional educators with the main task of educating, teaching, guiding, directing, training, assessing, and evaluating students.

#### Great Master

The word "great" means that is glorified, exalted, or worshiped in another sense has a very high value. Great Teacher means a teacher who is glorified or exalted. The example given by the Lord Jesus intends to serve as a reference for each of his students or all Christian teachers on how perfect love must be manifested in life actions. Christian teachers are asked to do as the Lord Jesus Christ has exemplified as the Great Teacher. Jesus Christ has set an example in ministry, not contention, about humbling oneself not lowering others let alone exalting oneself. His act of taking a rag is only a minor representation of what He shows because His greatest sacrifice was the cross. The humility of Jesus Christ is an example for all His disciples, they must devote themselves to the same service. All energy and time should be devoted humbly to their ministry as teachers. "slave" and "apostle" are terms used by Jesus Christ for their work as teachers.

The disciples were required to truly devote themselves as slaves under the authority of the Bible. A teacher must set the best example in his teaching. Jesus Christ is "the Apostle and High Priest of God whom we acknowledge" (Hebrews 3:1), by His example having set forever the measure of ministry in these two capacities. Jesus Christ who is the Teacher and God willingly humbled himself (14), so servants and apostles must follow His example. Likewise, all believers, especially Christian teachers, must set an example for their students. The purpose of the teaching of Jesus Christ is to bring about a change in the spiritual life of His listeners, Parker Palmer, said "to learn, one must face transformation" which means: to learn, (Jonch, 2010).

In the Gospel of John, the word *rabbi* or teacher. The word *rabbi* means my great one. This word is an honorary title given by a disciple to a teacher of the Torah, or a seeker of knowledge to the sages (Barclay, 1985). The word *Guru* appears four times (3:2;11:28;13:13,14) and twice is a translation of the word *rabbi* (1:38 and *Rabbi* 20:16). In chapter 20:16 Jesus Christ is called "a *rabbi*." This word means "teacher." In the Gospel of Luke Jesus is called the Epistatic, (the official title of an official overseer, caretaker. Luke 9:33 Jesus was called a *rabbi* because of His amazing teachings. Although His teaching was amazing Jesus Christ did not use it to seek honor for himself Him, but always depend on and glorify His Father, His dependence on the Father is manifested by His actions of always fellowshipping in prayer with His Father. A teacher must use his position as a teacher for God's glory not to boast.

As the Great Teacher, Jesus Christ has many differences that the Jewish rabbis do not have, including:

First: Jesus Christ taught with authority this is very visible in His words and power. Jesus taught with divine authority (Matthew 11:16-19, 25, 12:42; 23:37-39; 11:28-30). His teaching was quite different from the teaching of the Jewish rabbis. Second: Jesus Christ is not only a teacher, as a Jewish *rabbi* but He is also God and the Messiah, the Son of God who was sent by the Father to reveal the Father (1:18), revealing the works of the Father.

Third: The teaching of Jesus Christ as a teacher very clearly comes from His Father who has sent Him. In the Gospel of John, He says that; what he taught was everything he had seen and heard himself. but to proclaim, honor, glorify, and carry out His will and the task must be accomplished through His resurrection death. The title of teacher or teacher in the scope of Christianity is also a gift from God, therefore it must be used for the glory of God.

Fourth: Jesus is a Teacher of great knowledge (John 7:15). In general, Jewish rabbis studied with rabbis, before they graduated from rabbinical school. Keller said that it is possible that Jesus Christ was only taught by Mary and then the possibility that Jesus only attended elementary school (Bet Sefer/house of reading) was carried out in a rural synagogue, this school only learned about reading and writing as is common in an elementary school. (Jonch, 2010). Fifth: Jesus had the authority His Father gave Him. The word "I tell you" which is characteristic of John emphasizes that what is being taught is an absolute truth. Sixth: Jesus Christ had different disciples than the Jewish rabbis. Generally, the Jewish disciples were looking for teachers for them, but Jesus Christ was looking for His disciples. Seventh: Jesus Christ teaches all listeners regardless of differences. Jesus Christ taught whether it was the poor, the rich, the officials, the Gentiles, the women. This is very different from the rabbis, the Jewish rabbis generally did not appreciate praying people, non-Jews, and women, let alone teaching them. The Jewish rabbis treated women so lowly and considered them a source of sin. This can be seen from the summary of the Jewish rabbinical press dos "Blessed be thou for not having made me a gentile, a woman or an ignoramus. Unlike Jesus Christ who wanted to teach the truth to women and tax collectors and even ate with them (4: 1-42:5:14; 8:1-11) and foreigners, these things were never and could not be done by the Jewish rabbis.

Eighth Jesus Christ lived according to His teachings, unlike the Jewish rabbis, who only taught but did not live by them. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus Christ warned His disciples to beware of the scribes (Luke 20:45-47)

Jesus Christ taught by emphasizing the theme of "love and the kingdom of God" (Mt 4:13; 9:1; Mk 129, 2:11) Jesus Christ straightened their minds if they were wrong, and established what they had understood, in the process, In this case, loyalty to Him is emphasized. Jesus Christ placed great emphasis on His disciples living as he had lived. The title His disciples gave Him was an appropriate one, for indeed "He is Master and Lord." Jesus Christ confirmed the title His disciples gave Him. In the Gospel of John, the words teacher or *rabbi* all refer to the person of Jesus Christ. This emphasizes that it is true that He is the teacher.

### **Teacher as an Example**

If students do not get a good example from the teacher, then he too will reflect on what he got in a bad way. Singih D. Gunarsa said that a person's behavior is strongly influenced by the environment (Gunarsah, 1981). Knoers also said that a person's life will be influenced by what he sees in his environment, if a person lives in an area with a harsh environment, the pattern and behavior of that person will show typical behavior from that

environment (Rahayu, Haditoko,, 2001). When someone acts or does something, it is ensured that the influence of others. The surrounding environment always gives vibration to people who do something (Tong, Setiawani, 1995).

A teacher who has the character of Christ will continue to grow and develop in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will also make Jesus Christ a benchmark in his ministry as a teacher. Following the leadership of Jesus Christ, means manifesting His presence. Teachers must provide examples of Jesus Christ, because teachers have a greater responsibility, namely to bring the souls being taught to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and become His followers. Teachers are servants of God who are used to instilling Christian faith in the lives of their students (Naingolan, 2007).

The true leader is Jesus Christ, He is the only leader who can enrich the people being led with spiritual wealth, with His presence enriching the world. Jesus Christ is the figure of the Great Teacher or the Great Teacher who should be an example for every teacher.

### **The principle of the example of Jesus as the Great Teacher according to the Gospel of John.**

The example, example of Jesus Christ is humility. An example is a positive life pattern or reference given to others through a positive way of life. The Apostle Peter asked the elders to be an example to the flock in that they do not rule arbitrarily over those entrusted to them, that is, they do not exercise dominion over those who are ruled (ontos ho; ruler, one who rules), (Matthew 20:25). Apart from the Lord Jesus Christ, there must be no other master. Elders in the church can only lead as well as a teacher, not master (proistamai, pay attention), and all believers or those who are led or taught must respect (oida, acknowledge, know, understand, recognize, remember) and follow this leadership, 1 Thessalonians 5:12, I Timothy 5:17.

#### **Humble.**

Humility is a self-identity inherent in Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:29). Humility is in stark contrast to low self-esteem and pride. People with low self-esteem are those who have a low self-concept (poor self-image). They tend to be contemptuous, do not accept themselves or others, hate, are dissatisfied with themselves, and compare themselves with others. Conversely, arrogant people are those who have a concept (Over self-Image) are those who pride themselves, exalt themselves, give excessive judgments, show off themselves, belittle others, insult others, and place themselves higher than others (Come Rihi, 2008).

Proverbs. 18:12 says that humility precedes honor. The word used here is (anáváh) which describes simplicity, patience, and gentleness. In Greek, the word tapeinós is used which means "to lie down on the low ground, and metaphorically describe simplicity, tenderness, as well as sadness and depression. This word is used in the same verse in the Septuagint (Old Testament) as well as in the New Testament. A teacher must put himself down and make himself a "servant" for those he teaches. The Gospel of John records the character of Jesus Christ that must be exemplified by the teacher, namely: Jesus Christ is a gentle teacher. Meekness has almost no relationship in a low voice, meekness is talking about a gentle and firm heart attitude towards wrongdoing but in a polite manner and not inclined to judge others. The real example given by Jesus Christ is in the incident of a woman committing adultery. Jesus Christ showed his tender attitude toward the adulterous woman, but that does not mean He concurred with the woman's sin, for although He did not punish her He said that "go and sin no more." John 8:1-12. Jesus Christ showed his tender attitude toward the adulterous woman, but that does not mean He concurred with the woman's sin, for although He did not punish her He said that "go and sin no more." John 8:1-12. Jesus Christ showed his tender attitude toward the adulterous woman, but that does not mean He concurred with the woman's sin, for although He did not punish her He said that "go and sin no more." John 8:1-12.(Brill, 1976).

#### **Patience**

The Lord Jesus showed His patience in teaching the disciples if the disciples withdrew in Galilee when Jesus Christ spoke of the bread of life. Jesus Christ was faithful and obedient in carrying out His responsibility as a Teacher (John 4:34). In Indonesian, patience can mean serenity in the face of trials, a calm nature (patience), not giving up easily, living in peace (KBBI Team, 1989). In this case, endure suffering and persecution. Patience in the Greek Hupomone, can also mean endurance, perseverance, steadfastness, or waiting.

The Apostle Paul taught that we should pursue patience in addition to justice, worship, faithfulness, love, and tenderness because patience is one of the basic qualities of God. As people of God, we are obliged to pursue patience. In Exodus 34:6, Numbers 14:18, Nehemiah 9:17, Psalm 86:15, 103:8, 145:8, Joel 2:13, Jonah 4:2,

Nahum 1:3, it says that the LORD is long-suffering. , willing to forgive, sorry for His punishment or the calamity He is about to bring, and loving, and His steadfast love abounds, but He never absolves the guilty. Micah 2:7.

In I Peter 3:20 it is said that God kept waiting patiently (makrothumia, patience, broad-mindedness, perseverance, endurance) in Noah's day to wait for people to repent, even though it turned out to be only eight people. Even now He is patient (makrothumeo) patient with you or with all people because He wants no one to perish, but that all people turn and repent (metanoia, change of mind, turning away (from sin), II Peter 3: 9. Will you despise His wealth (ploutos, treasure, abundance) His generosity (aplotetos) great generosity; sincere sincerity; loyalty with all your heart (chrestotes) kindness, good things, generosity, mercy; what His true patience (anoche, postponement (God's punishment), the spaciousness of His bosom and spaciousness of heart (makrothumia)? Do you not know that the purpose of God's mercy is to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:4. Count the patience of our Lord as an opportunity for you to be saved, 1 Peter 3:15.(Peiffer, 2001).

The Lord Jesus showed all His patience by pitying sinners like Paul, in order to have eternal life, I Timothy 1:16.

1 Tim 1:13, Paul was a blasphemer (blasphemos, slanderer) and a vicious (Hubristes, insulter, abuser, savage), all of which he did without his knowledge which is beyond faith. He still pitied the apostle Paul, even though the grace of Jesus Christ was given abundantly (huperepleonasen abundantly, manifested himself) to him with faith and love in Jesus Christ (14). The saying is true (pistos, which can be trusted) and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save mankind from death.

### **The attitude of the patience of Christian Teachers in daily life**

Ephesians 4:2 says, among other things, "always be patient." Show your love by helping each other. Patience includes patience in enduring all things because patience is part of love, 1 Corinthians 13:4, 7 and the fruit of the spirit Galatians 5:22. Persevering and patient in enduring all things, Colossians 1:11, among others: patience in distress, Romans 12:12, patience in suffering (kakopatheo), (Pantoro, 2009)patiently suffers, suffers patiently), for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, 2 Timothy 4:5, Revelation 2:3, patient when persecuted, 1 Corinthians 4:12, patient if anyone preaches Jesus, spirits, other gospels, 2 Corinthians 11:4, patient with wicked people, false apostles and liars, Revelation 2-2. Do not be angry, but rebuke and exhort them with all patience and teaching (en pasei makrothumia kai didachei) with patient teaching, or with all effort in patience and teaching), 2 Corinthians 12:12, 11 Timothy 4:2. Likewise we must be patient with everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:14. Patience with everyone forgives (charizomai, gives, bestows; treats generously; surrenders, releases (same as releasing a prisoner), erases debts: one person will another if he holds a grudge, just as the Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven you, do likewise, Colossians 3:13.

Be patient if there are people who serve (katadoulou) (Pantoro, 2009)you, suck (katesthio) eat, swallow, rob, squeeze out; figuratively sucking because you receive a lot of income from the congregation, or people who are taught) you, dominate (lambano, catch, take, collect (duties, taxes), trap you with your deceit, act arrogantly (epairo) boast, stretch out your hands; fight, challenge and slap (dero) hit you 2 Corinthians 11:20. The teacher is a servant of God, so he should not fight (machomai, argue; fight), but must be friendly (epios, gentle) and patient with everyone (anexikakos/ patiently endured the evil that was experienced. 2 Timothy 2:24. The next example is Abraham. Abraham waited patiently, so he got what was promised to him (epaggelia) promise: approval, decision of Cleronomeo heir, inherit; inherit, share, got as possession; those who get have got Hebrews 6:15, 12. (Sabda, 2014).

The patience of a teacher will have a positive impact on his teaching. The positive effects of patience.

*First:*Patience prevents grave mistakes, Ecclesiastes 10:4. *Second:* Long-suffering is better than pride, 7:8.

*Third:* involving reason, makes a person long-suffering and that person is praised for forgiving transgressions, Proverbs 19:11.

Christ has a very high integrity He is very firm and disciplined and does not compromise with all faults (John 2:13-25), lovingly Jesus Christ accepts people as they are and encourages them to surrender to God (John 1:14; Phil 2: 5-11), Jesus Christ is well aware of the physical and spiritual needs of His listeners(Brill JW, 1993) (John 6:1-15), Jesus also loved and knew His disciples so well that he knew their spiritual development.) (Barclay, Daily Bible Study of the Gospel of John chapters 1-7, 1988).

In Greek taxis, it can mean fixed order, successive transfer of power (for priests), order, order as in 1 Corinthians 14:40, everything must take place politely and orderly). God does not want chaos, but peace (1 Corinthians 14:33) While the word firmness, stereoma can mean the firmness of the apostle Paul's message

In I Thessalonians 5:14, the apostle Paul asserts: "We also exhort you, brethren, rebuke those who live in disorder, comfort (paramotheomai) comfort, strengthen the hearts of those who are discouraged, defend (antechomai) be faithful to; hold fast, help those who are weak (asthenes) sick; helpless, be patient with all people. (Sabda, 2014)

The word disorderly in Greek is (ataktos) i.e. lazy refers to people who do not want to work and like to meddle in other people's business (periergazoma) doing useless/useless things; they are busy but do nothing; they are busy with things that are none of their business, undisciplined, disobedient, rebellious, 2 Thessalonians 3:11. They are active even hyperactive but unproductive In 1 Timothy 3:2 it says: "Therefore the overseer (episkopos) leader, bishop, overseer, caretaker of the church must be a person who can restrain himself (nephaios) whose soul/mind is calm and can take care of himself; not a drinker wise (sophon), good at teaching (didaktikos) capable of teaching people." Likewise, the overseers of the church in Titus 1:8 are required to have sophronismos, namely: wise, just, can control yourself. His children live in faith and their lives are orderly, verse 6. Those who are involved in the ministry are required to be able to control themselves in all things, Titus 2:8. Considering that there are many people whose lives are not in order, Titus 1:10.(Sabda, 2014)

Jesus Christ teaches sincerely and has a burden on His hearers to bring them to the knowledge of Jesus Christ (John 10:1-21). The integrity of Jesus Christ shows the correspondence between his words and actions (Matthew 5:44 and Luke 23:34). All aspects of exemplary in Jesus Christ as a teacher must be imitated and become a lifestyle by a teacher. The foot-washing event performed by Jesus Christ was sole because of His love, he humbly did it, with a sincere heart Jesus Christ washed the feet of His disciples, Jesus Christ was willing to sacrifice to serve, He was so patient and even gentle-faced Peter who seemed unwilling to accept His ministry. To Judas Iscariot, Jesus Christ did not act harshly even though He knew that Judas Iscariot would betray Him. The Lord Jesus Christ humbly showed His love even though it was later repaid with a betrayal by Judas Iscariot. The love of the Lord Jesus Christ is so perfect, no matter how bad a person is, nothing can prevent the love of Jesus Christ for him.

JM Price and Friedeman put forward the example of Jesus Christ as follows:

First: Jesus Christ has extraordinary prowess in dealing with His disciples, who have different backgrounds. According to Price, all students who are nurtured, trained, are individuals or groups who have not developed, are impulsive, sinful, still have chaotic minds, are stupid, and still have unstable prejudices. Price expressed his admiration for the Lord Jesus Christ even though all of His disciples were classified as not having good intelligence, but Jesus Christ patiently taught them. (Sidjabat, 1997).

Second: JM Price listened to the Lord Jesus Christ as a person who taught frankly with a clear purpose. Jesus taught and formed high ideals in the disciples, forming a firm belief to have a right relationship with God and with each other. The students are encouraged to be creative in dealing with the problems of everyday life and have a good character in carrying out their ministry duties. Jesus Christ succeeded in changing the lives of the disciples to be more meaningful.

Third: Jesus Christ is a teacher with a clear and great vision that is related to the kingdom of God. According to Price, Jesus Christ always adapted His teaching to the circumstances and needs of the disciples. The Lord Jesus Christ touches their inner voices and stimulates them to be active

Friedman argues that as the Great Teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ knows what He is doing and understands to carry out or make it happen. Jesus Christ also works on a clear basis and purpose, namely to build disciples to understand and experience God's holiness. All students are taught to realize themselves as servants, His students are taught to live in a loving relationship with each other. Friedman concluded a teacher is a servant who serves others and students and directs them to make peace with God.

As a teacher" Jesus Christ knows what the needs of His listeners are. The example of Jesus Christ in being willing to be the same as those served is something that must develop in the heart of a teacher if he is to bring renewal in the lives of his students. Jesus Christ directs all disciples to His hit the target in whatever they did.

The relationship between students is communication itself. Relationships are not only limited to words, speech, or events, the togetherness between the Lord Jesus Christ and His disciples is communication and relationships. Friedman observes that this example must underlie the values of a teacher's life and thoughts. Teachers should emphasize togetherness, activity with a clear purpose. Friedeman revealed that as the Great Teacher, Jesus Christ not only approached and served many people but also gave attention to small groups to the point of personal release (Hendricks, 1988).

A teacher must give a deep attention that Jesus Christ has given. A true teacher is a teacher who imitates the Lord Jesus Christ in every teaching and his daily life in word and deed. Good examples will create good students. The teacher must first become what he is going to teach that is why a teacher who can't be a good student can't be a good teacher either. Only by learning what the Lord Jesus Christ has taught, then a teacher can serve as an example for his students. The true teacher guides his students and shows righteousness in his actions towards them. Teachers must imitate Jesus Christ in their lives. Exemplary will affect the surrounding environment. Exemplary can change the behavior of those around him. For example, a character easily influences many people to realize a goal, of course for a good cause.

Teachers must represent aspects of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ in teaching even though a teacher often faces expectations that do not match reality. Not all students behave well and achieve as expected. Things like this require the patience of a teacher because the process to change the behavior of students takes a relatively long time. The expected results are often not immediately visible to the naked eye. This is what often makes teachers bored and lose hope. Just as Jesus Christ was patient with His listeners when teaching, so should Christian teachers be.

Exemplary teachers are needed by students. Teachers must be able to put themselves in the right portion. Teachers must be able to open themselves to be friends for their students and as a place for those who complain about the learning problems they face. (Jonch, 2010). The lives and developments and examples of students in the future are greatly influenced by how much the exemplary values are instilled by a teacher when they teach. Teachers must give their best so that students see the example of Jesus Christ through their lives, and students can do it in everyday life in the family environment as well as in the school environment, national community, and homeland. Being a role model for students is not an easy matter. Many indicators must be shown in attitude and words. The teacher must always be an example so that the example given can bring meaningful change to the students being taught. Teachers must imitate the great leader, namely the Lord Jesus Christ. (Octavianus, 1986). Further followed by his intellectual authority, knowledge, and wisdom. Teachers must have eyes that can see the potential contained in students, and the most important thing is that a teacher must have a good life attitude so that he can be an example for his students. Teachers must make students have perfect knowledge about the Lord Jesus Christ (Tong, Setiawani, 1995).

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

The Lord Jesus Christ is a great Teacher who has left an example that must be followed or carried out by every individual who claims to be a Christian teacher. Just as the Lord Jesus Christ loves His disciples to the end, Christian teachers must love all their students until the end, John 13:2. (Dave, 2004) Christian teachers must be able to be role models in their daily lives. Christian teachers should serve as servants, not exalt themselves and boast about their students. In the educational process, the expectations of a teacher often do not follow the reality faced, therefore a teacher must have patience like the Lord Jesus Christ. A Christian teacher must be gentle. Gentleness has nothing to do with one's voice or disposition in behavior, gentleness is about discipline and order and consistency in upholding truth and justice. A Christian teacher must be willing to sacrifice both time, energy, and even material (Tenney, 1996)

Christian teachers must be humble. Humility is a self-identity inherent in Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:29). Humility is in stark contrast to low self-esteem and pride. People with low self-esteem are those who have a low self-concept (poor self-image). They tend to be contemptuous, do not accept themselves or others, hate, are dissatisfied with themselves, and compare themselves with others. Conversely, arrogant people are those who have a concept (Over self-Image) are those who pride themselves, exalt themselves, give excessive judgments, show off themselves, belittle others, insult others, and place themselves higher than others. Teachers must be able to do what they teach (Walgito, 1980)

Having the knowledge that cannot be manifested in actions and deeds is not even better than goods that are no longer useful. Therefore, a Christian teacher must be able to live and practice his teaching. Teachers must make students have perfect knowledge about the Lord Jesus Christ (Tong, Setiawani, 1995)

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