

## **ASSIGNMENTS ARE THE BEST WAY TO LEARN FOR SOME PEOPLE**

### 1. Strengths

Assignments are given to those who want to go further than the class time allows.

Members get to share the results of their study during "The 4-minute Report Time."

Homework encourages certain students enormously.

I gave out wooden shingle plaques with dried flowers to adults who attempted to learn 10 to 25 Bible verses. 25 years later one couple told me they still have it hanging on their wall.

### 2. Weaknesses

Some people just want to hear themselves talk.

Don't forget to congratulate them, thank them, or affirm them.

One student will appreciate a pat on the back *[in private]*, another may enjoy a tiny bit of public recognition, and another would be embarrassed greatly by any public affirmation. Be sensitive to each one.

Not all students like to do the same kinds of research.

### 3. Tips

Tailor the assignments.

Don't be afraid of feeding the eager learner lots of "assignments" *[as much as they care to handle]*.

Just because 90% of the class won't memorize, we rob the eager ones of a great treat.

*Others may drop out and never tell you why.*

### 4. Examples of assignments

Some may enjoy finding material for your upcoming topics, perhaps even months ahead of time.

Some may thrive making PowerPoint slides for you.

You may find some who like to correct your slips, mistakes, gaffes, faux pas, grammar, or omissions. These are valuable friends.

Some like to challenge preconceived ideas.

Book evaluations are a treat to many, they could give a 1-minute blurb monthly.

Challenge to read the whole NT before Christmas.

Mail birthday & anniversary cards to every missionary. *Buy the cards yourself, bring stamps to class, give them a list of birthdates & anniversaries, and remind them!!*

Pray for every person in the church directory.

Give a plate of chocolate chip cookies to every Sunday School teacher.