Question 35 - What are the responsibilities God has assigned to His people regarding the impartation of the Scriptures?

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35. What are the responsibilities God has assigned to His people regarding the impartation of the Scriptures?

A. Duties given to scholars
   1. That of verification: That process whereby Greek and Hebrew experts carefully contrast and compare the existing multitudes of Old and New Testament manuscripts so as to determine the correct reading of the original ones.
   2. That of translation: That process whereby gifted linguists prepare copies of God’s Word in the various language structures of mankind.

B. Duties given to information processors
   1. That of publication: That process whereby every available means of communication (printing presses, television, radio, videos, audio cassettes, the internet, DVD's, CD-Rom's, etc.) is fully utilized.
   2. That of saturation: That process whereby all prepared Christian material is effectively distributed on a world-wide basis.

C. Duties given to instructors (those pastors, teachers, missionaries) who are called to impart God’s Word to others on a regular basis
   1. That of preparation: That process whereby the instructor carefully studies the particular text he or she would teach.
   2. That of supplication: That process whereby the instructor bends the knee and asks the God of the Word to bless the Word of God!
   3. That of interpretation: That process whereby the instructor correctly explains the meaning of the text.
   4. That of illustration: That process whereby the instructor offers helpful stories, events, etc., to shed light on the text, thus enabling the student to understand it.
   5. That of application: That process whereby the instructor shows just how the scriptural text can be applied to the life of each student in a practical way.

D. Duties given to all Christians
   1. That of sanctification: That process whereby the believer allows the Word of God to set him apart and thus making him more like Jesus.
   2. That of proclamation: That process whereby the believer uses every opportunity to proclaim and announce the glorious message of the gospel.