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BACK TO SCHOOL



SCHOOL'S OPEN! MOST OF THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN THE INDIANAPOLIS AREA HAVE RETURNED TO SCHOOL OR SOON WILL BE WELCOMING THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. MAY GOD BLESS EACH LEARNER AND EDUCATOR.

I WONDER, ARE YOU AND I LEARNING? DO WE HAVE A PASSION FOR BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE? WILL WE SAY WITH DAVID "GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING, THAT I MAY LEARN YOUR COMMANDMENTS." (PSALM 119:73) WITH THE NEW ACADEMIC

YEAR NOW UPON US MY MIND TURNED TO TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS IN GOD'S WORD. HERE IS JUST A SAMPLING.

TEACHERS: FROM ACTS 19:9 WE LEARN THAT PAUL TAUGHT STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL OF TYRANNUS AT EPHESUS FOR TWO YEARS. LATER, WHEN TIMOTHY WAS PASTORING THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS, PAUL ENCOURAGES HIM WITH THESE WORDS. "THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES, ENTRUST THESE TO FAITHFUL MEN WHO WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO." (II TIMOTHY 2:2). WE NEED TO PASS ON TO OTHERS THE THINGS WE'VE LEARNED.

STUDENTS: WHEN ADOPTED BY PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER MOSES RECEIVED AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION. AS STEPHEN RECOUNTS MOSES' OPPORTUNITY HE INFORMS US THAT HE WAS EDUCATED IN ALL THE LEARNING OF THE EGYPTIANS. (ACTS 7:22). MOSES RECEIVED THE EQUIVALENT OF A HARVARD EDUCATION. OTHER STUDENTS INCLUDE JOSEPH WHO LEARNED AND ADAPTED TO THE WAYS OF THE CULTURE IN WHICH HE LIVED (SEE GENESIS 41:4). NOTE ALSO EZRA WHO WAS A SCRIBE SKILLED IN THE LAW OF MOSES BECAUSE HE HAD SET HIS HEART TO STUDY THE LAW (EZRA 7:6, 10). THINK TOO OF DANIEL AND HIS THREE HEBREW FRIENDS WHO WERE GIVEN KNOWLEDGE AND INTELLIGENCE BY GOD IN EVERY BRANCH OF LITERATURE AND WISDOM SO THAT THEY WERE TEN TIMES BETTER THAN THE OTHER STUDENTS (DANIEL 1:17, 20)

INSTRUCTIONS: II TIMOTHY 2:15 ENCOURAGES US TO STUDY OR BE DILIGENT TO SHOW OURSELVES APPROVED TO GOD BY RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH. IN MATTHEW 11:29 CHRIST INVITES HIS FOLLOWERS TO TAKE HIS YOKE AND LEARN OF HIM AND PETER ENDS HIS WRITINGS WITH AN ADMONITION TO GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. (II PETER 3:18). TITUS INSTRUCTS US TO LEARN TO ENGAGE IN GOOD DEEDS (TITUS 3:4) AND I THESSALONIANS 4:11 TELLS US WE SHOULD STUDY TO BE QUIET!

GOD PROVIDES EACH OF US WITH WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO TEACH, LEARN AND GROW. MIGHT ALL OF US BE LIFELONG LEARNERS.

LOOKING UP,
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE