

School is God's tool!



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**If you're currently in school or college,
here are some practical tips that will help you to enjoy life and honor God!**

1. Face reality: school is work, and work is *part of life!*

One of the major purposes of school is to *prepare and equip you to make a living when you grow up*. As a Christian, God wants you to make an honest, Godly living that brings honor to Him. In this fallen, sinful world, work is necessary, challenging, difficult, full of obstacles and problems (Genesis 2:15 and 3:17-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:10). It is unrealistic to expect NOT to work when you grow up. Don't go to school "kicking and screaming." What you learn in school today will have a *huge* impact on your future.

2. Go to school with a *Godly* attitude!

Don't go to school simply to grudgingly please your parents or your teachers: go to school each day to please God (Colossians 3:23-24). He blesses students with strong study habits, reliable attendance, a good and enthusiastic attitude, a passion for excellence, and a teachable spirit. No matter where you go to school, make the best of it!

3. Be a *smart* student!

God doesn't want you to be a "dummy" at school. In fact, He promises to give wisdom to all who ask (James 1:5), regardless of age, grade, location or family situation. Before and during school, pray for wisdom and God will give it to you. If you consistently think and act wisely, your teachers will notice.

4. Ask God to reveal where He has *called and gifted* you!

God created YOU for a very special purpose. He has given YOU a unique calling, and He has given YOU all the gifts you need to fulfill your calling (1 Corinthians 12). The sooner you discover your calling and giftedness, the sooner you can abide in them. Remember, Billy Graham and Luis Palau were both teenagers when God saved them and called them to be evangelists! Call us toll-free at 800-JOY-9075 for helpful tools and resources. In order to know and live in God's call, you must first know Him personally. Have you been "born again?" (John 3:7)

