

WOWC Back to School 2018-2019

As we prepare for students, teachers, administrators, families and other helps to enter the 2018-2019 school year, there are some reminders from Gods Word to bring to you today.

Whether you're a student, teacher, administrator, parent, bus drivers, cafeteria worker, custodian, classroom assistant – you have to know this:

Jeremiah 26:11 “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

- You are where you are because you are in the thoughts and plans of the Lord.
- You have to know He has placed you where you are in this season of your life to fulfill a destiny He has for you.

In the 2018-2019 school year:

1. You are not alone

- As a **student** – you are not alone:

The Lord Himself promises to be with you to protect you, guide you, help you, bless and prosper you.

Psa. 121:12 “My help comes from the Lord, maker of Heaven and Earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved He who protects you will not slumber/be asleep.”

Jesus Himself said: John 14:18 “I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.”

Matt 28:20 “I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”

Hebrews 13:5, 6 “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

As you walk through the doors of your school remember the promises of God for your life.

- Don't be afraid of the bullies or criticized by the cliques.
- The King of Kings is with you.
- The one who gives breath to the bullies is holding your hand and watching over you to protect you as you walk the hallways of your school.
- So enter the 2018-2019 year with humble confidence the Lord gives to you.

2. Do Your Best and Lest the Rest Go

Last year may not have been a good year for you – you may have not done your best. So – that’s in the past, it matters but it’s in the past, you have to put that behind you and begin this year with a new and positive attitude.

2018-2019 is a new year to RESET your academic life.

You can get focused on doing your best this year.

- You’ve got to focus on more than just socializing:
- Making and having friends is good and important; but you’ve got to make learning the priority of why you attend school.
- The Lord’s blessing on your life along with your education **IS YOUR TICKET OF OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR LIFE.**
- Your education will open up possibilities for you.
- You can’t live your life on your own terms doing the things you want to do without education and applying yourself.
- People/friends/peers who tell you that you don’t need an education are telling you a lie.
- As boring as you think Science, Math, English, History and the other subjects are – you have to know this information and it’s vital to your life.

You are the Lords’ representative at your school:

- You are there to receive an education; but you are also there to be a witness for Jesus Christ to others can see Jesus through your life.
- They may not attend a church or have never heard the message of Jesus’ love for them.
- The Lord is asking you to be a witness for Him while you are at school.
- To students, to your teachers and all who may be watching your life.
- This is the greatest calling any of us can experience – to represent the Lord by being an example in our attitudes and diligence in our actions.
- We are called upon to listen to teachers on various subjects; but we also are expected to give an answer to the ultimate TEACHER – Jesus Christ.
- Col. 3:23-24 “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.”
- You do your best to get the best grade possible because it is the Lord you are doing it for.

Five words for your attitude:

1. Serious –

- Be serious when you come into the classroom.
- There is a time to joke, have fun, play and be goofy.
- When you get into class; get serious and pay attention to the teacher; not your friends.
- Get serious about you – your education – your future.
- Nobody is going to make the way for you, you have to do it.

2. Focused -

- You need to practice laser sharp focus on the information in class.
- Pay attention to what your teacher is delivering to you.
- Don't let your mind drift, be distracted in class.
- If you want to be successful, you have to be focused so you can enjoy success later.

3. Diligent –

- You have to be a hard worker.
- Prov. 28:19 “Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty.”
- Work in class, work at home, study for tests and examines.

4. Disciplined –

- You have to take control of yourself.
- You can't wait for your parents or teachers to motivate you.
- Accept responsibility for yourself- know what to do – get up and get ready, be on time for class, have your materials ready.

5. Resilient –

- Yes, you will have set backs and tough days.
- Challenges come to us all and that is part of the education process.
- You'll have set backs – but you can always bounce back.
- A failure is not final – it's a learning experience.
- You can get back on your feet and be resilient and move forward.
- **Bounce back after every set back.**

3. You Have a Mission to Accomplish

- You are not just at school or a position with students going into a school building.
- As a Christian, you are at that school on a mission for the Kingdom of God.
- Every classroom, hallway, cafeteria, play ground is a mission field that needs to be reached with the good news of Jesus' love for people around you.

You need to show up every day with the attitudes:

1. You have to **BELIEVE in yourself** – you can do this!
2. You **understand your sense of purpose** and responsibility is **to learn and get an education.**
3. You go with **DETERMINATION** not allowing anything to stop you.
4. You have to have **VISION** for your future
 - You have to see where you want to be in the future.
 - With the Lord's help and strength, education will help get you there.