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## IS SCHOOL EVER OUT?

Watch out for bicycles in the road, and try not to trip over the children in the grocery store. We'll be seeing them around everywhere when school time is over. They have spent the last nine months studying and trying to learn what the teachers wanted to impress on their minds, but now they are FREE! Vacation at last! "No more school, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks!" (That is, until next fall, when school resumes.)

But someday, they will have finished their studies and will go on to greater things, hopefully using what knowledge they have managed to glean during their formative years.

Yes, there does come a time when formal education ceases, and we are free to put to use what we have learned. But what is it that we have learned that will help us to live a life pleasing to God? How are we doing at the business of living Godly lives in this world? The Bible says: "They will all be taught by God. Every one who listens to the Father and learns from Him comes to me." (John 6:45) and "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (I Peter 3:18)

There is no vacation from life until we leave it for good. So it should be the deepest desire of all Christians to live our lives in God's service, and to be completely His while we are here. The lessons that He teaches us are not subjects that we can learn like the 3 Rs. We must each learn what the Lord Himself wants us to experience.

May we make it our business to grow in the Lord and put all our knowledge, skills, interests, and God-given abilities to His purposes. May we understand that we must continually come to Him for further teaching in His ways, and we never seek to take a vacation from serving Him, but look forward instead to our heavenly rest.

## HERE CHICK, CHICK, CHICK!

Cluck, cluck, cluck and cock-a-doodle-doo! Running wild in the streets, and parking lots too;  
In Yuba City, they run in the streets, oh yes, they really do.  
But closer to home, in her own yard, Mindy has chickens too.

And she also has eggs by the dozens and dozens right now. So if you eat eggs that arrive in egg boxes, she will be glad to help you recycle those boxes for her eggs. Those chickens love vegetable scraps (no fruit, please), so you can bring them to church along with the boxes. The chickens will be delighted! Just put them over by the window where the Chapmans sit.

## BIBLE QUIZ

Who were Bezaleel and Aholiab? Why were they so very important to the ancient Jews in the time of Moses? For the answer, see Exodus 36:1 & 2.

## GOD'S LAUGHTER

If you want to know how to make God laugh, just tell Him your plans!

Phyllis Diller

## THANK YOU, GOD, FOR US

There are people who actually give thanks for ME! Yes, that's right! And there are people who give thanks for you---and you---and YOU! How can we say that and not be guilty of Pride? Does it show a lack of humility to recognize some worth in ourselves? Is it wrong or un-biblical to give honor to others, as opposed to reserving honor to Christ alone? Should we think of ourselves as just being unworthy worms? Never! We are God's creation, and He does not create junk. Philippians 1:3, 5, & 7 say "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you---for your fellowship in the Gospel---ye are all partakers of my grace." See that? If Paul can thank God for fellow Christians, we needn't hesitate to do so. It's because we know and fear the Lord, and are one in Him---all a part of the Body of Christ, that we can be so very thankful for and blessed by each other. And what a wonderful blessing it is!

What would life be like without other Christians? Just try to imagine! How lonely we would be! How discouraged we would become, and what blessings we would miss out on. (Pray for those Persecuted Christians in countries where they are not allowed to gather together, but must hide the fact that they have accepted Christ.) Jesus said that when two or three were gathered together, He would be in their midst. What wonderful fellowship is ours when we gather together. And with Him, the circle is complete. It is in being together that we can be whole.

How grateful we can be for each other; for spouses, children, friends, other Christians, all those who bless our lives. We are meant to love, honor, and appreciate each other. Let's praise and thank the Lord and rejoice in the wonderful gifts from God that we are to each other. And let us not feel guilty when someone honors or expresses thanks to us. We know that the praise all goes to Jesus, and we thank Him for it.

## DESPERATE PRAYER REQUEST

A little boy was acting up in church, and the parents were losing the battle to maintain order. Finally the father picked him up and walked sternly down the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the door to the foyer. The little fellow called out loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

## OUR AMAZING MINDS

Don't ignore this because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it!

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## PROMISES, PROMISES

The little boy came over, climbed up onto his father's lap, and begged, "Tell me a fairy story, Daddy." The father thought a moment, then said, "Sure, Son. Once upon a time there were a bunch of politicians running for office, and they all said, 'Vote for me! Vote for me! If I am elected, I promise to----'" Adapted from Irwin Lutzer

LET'S BE SURE TO PRAY FOR THE ONE ELECTED IN THIS ELECTION HERE IN CALIFORNIA. PRAY THAT HE WILL VOTE FOR WHAT GOD WANT TO TAKE PLACE. WHAT ELSE BESIDES PRAYER CAN EVER HELP OUR STATE'S POLICIES?