

## Back To School Series School Supplies

### Reading: Proverbs 9:9

#### Introduction:

It's back to school time, not everyone goes, but all of us can learn from scripture illustrated by the idea of back to school.

- Some learn from the school of hard knocks.

**Psalm 119:71** *It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.*

- John learned lessons of love in the school of Christ

**1 John 3:16** By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

- Today, we will look at some school supplies that we need before arriving at school

#### 1. Pencils

- Need to be sharpened before they work. We need to be sharpened to do the work of God

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- God's word gives us the training we need to do all we need to do

**2 Tim. 3:16–17** All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Some Jobs will offer on the job training
  - ♦ He who believes and is baptized will be saved **Mk 16:16**
- Some require those who have experience—those already trained
  - ♦ **1 Tim. 3:2–7** give qualifications, requirements to be elders
- Pencils leave a mark when they are working. If we are working, we will leave a mark in the world around us wherever we go

**Mt. 5:13–14** “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

- How do we season those who live in the world around us?
- Do we provide light or darkness for those around us?
- Pencils cannot work without assistance from someone to guide them. We need God's guidance as we do His work
  - The Spirit guided the apostles into all truth **John 16:13**
  - His word which they wrote guides us in the will of God

- It was written that...

**John 20:31**

**2 Cor. 2:9**

**1 Tim. 3:15**

**1 John 1:4**

**1 John 2:1**

you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient you may know how you ought to conduct yourself that your joy may be full that you may not sin.

#### 2. Erasers – To Fix Mistakes

**1 John 2:1**

that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

- We need this supply ready at all times, because there will be errors
- We don't want to sin, but we just can't help it sometimes **Rom. 7:15**
  - It's not that we don't have a choice. We simply choose badly.
  - That's when we need the eraser. Jesus' blood is our sin eraser

**1 John 1:7**

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses** us from all sin.

- Not a cover up to hide them, but erasing as tho they never existed
- It's called justification—Paul's statement after a list of sins:

**1 Cor. 6:11**

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- We all need an eraser to remove our sins

#### 3. Glue– Put stuff together

- The unity in Christ

**Eph. 4:3–6**

endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

- All that oneness is based on verses 1-2 the glue that holds us together:

**Eph. 4:1–2**

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

- Walking worthy
- Being Humble
- Being Patient
- Loving one another

#### 4. Ruler – measure ourselves

**2 Cor. 13:5**

Examine yourselves as to whether you are **in the faith**. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

- If you don't measure up to the word of God, begin today