Back To School

Class Schedule

Reading: Philippians 4:9–13

Introduction:

- Going Back to school isn't only for kids.
 - My mom received her GED when she was about 60 years old. She then proceeded to get a real estate agent license. Once she accomplished that, she studied for her broker's license and started her own agency.
 - Anyone with the desire, young or old, can get an education.
- A requirement to complete your education is a class schedule.
 - General studies will include things like Math, Language, History
 - There could be many studies of various types
 - Today, these three will illustrate a "Class Schedule" for Christianity

1. Math

• Count The Blessings

Physical

<u>Matthew 6:31–33</u> "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Spiritual

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

Count The Cost

<u>Luke 14:27–30</u> And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

• We need to Add Some things And Subtract Some Things

2 Peter 1:5–7 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

Ephesians 4:20–24 But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

• We Can't Be Divisive

Titus 3:10–11 Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

Hold Ourselves Accountable

Matthew 12:36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. Romans 14:12

• We Learn to Multiply Our Faith

- Acts 6:7 the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.
 - The faith multiplies when others become Christians

2. History

- Learn From the Old to Be Trained In the New
- Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
- The Cross Is History, So Are Our Sins
- <u>Luke 22:19–20</u> And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.
 - Given for you? Shed for you?
 - We can never forget what He did for us, He took our sins upon Him
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- Keep The Traditions Of The Apostles
- <u>2 Thessalonians 2:15</u> Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.
 - These would not be the traditions of men, but of God
 - The Apostle's doctrine (teaching) Acts 2:42

3. English/Speech

Tell Others The Gospel

<u>Mark 16:15</u> And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

- Speak In Love Seasoned With Salt
- <u>Colossians 4:6</u> Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
- Whatever Our Language, Let It Be in Truth and Love Eph. 2:15