

Back To School Homework Assignments Part 1

Reading: [Hebrews 5:12-14](#)

Introduction:

- School Assignments are an important factor in going to school
 - There are always practice problems, practice sentences, experiments, exercise, music practice, projects, papers to write to make you investigate the topic, tests to take to see if you are getting the information
 - In school these things are always graded by the teacher to make sure they are done correctly. If not, corrections are made. If the student really wants to improve, they will go over the materials again to see what was wrong.
 - I remember taking a **driving test** and passed, but I obtained a 80-90%. I asked the facilitator, “What did I miss?” The response was, “What do you care? You passed!” My response was, “So I don’t need to know that information to keep from getting a ticket or endangering someone else on the road or near it?”
 - Many Christians don’t learn the books of the bible, or memorize verses because they think, “I’m a Christian, I’m saved, I don’t need anything else.”
- So, today we want to look at a couple **Homework Assignments** for Christians

1. Homework: There’s always going to be Academics/Christianity homework

- Is Christianity something that stays in the church building?
 - Great Students of Christianity say “No!”
 - Though the world would like us to keep it here, the world needs us to follow through outside of these walls with what we learn
- There is “Home” work we need to do: We first think of family.
 - Husbands and wives [Ephesians 5:22-33](#)
 - ♦ Wives submit to your husbands
 - ♦ Husbands love your wives—There is more said to husbands than to wives
 - Parents and Children [Ephesians 6:1-4](#)
 - ♦ Children obey your parents
 - ♦ Parents (Fathers) don’t provoke them, but train and admonish in the Lord
- Details on “Home” Work
 - Love one another is the foundation to all of it.

[Ephesians 5:28](#) husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself

- ♦ If wives love their husbands, they will respect them and submit
- ♦ If parents love their children, teach and train them in the Lord
- ♦ If children love their parents, they will obey them in the Lord
- There’s a longer stronger passage for wives in [1 Peter 3:1-6](#)
 - ♦ Wives *be* submissive to your own husbands,
 - ♦ Have chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear.
 - ♦ Let your adornment be the hidden person of the heart
 - ♦ Be Sarah’s daughters: do good and are not afraid with any terror.
- There’s a shorter just as strong passage for husbands [1 Peter 3:7](#)
 - ♦ dwell with [your wives] with understanding
 - ♦ honor your wife, ... as *being* heirs together of the grace of life,
 - ♦ your prayers may be hindered if you don’t do this
- Each home needs constant work to maintain the Christlike mindset/behavior

2. Practice

- When you play basketball, play in band, sing in choir, you have to practice
 - Someone said, “If you don’t **use** it, you **lose** it.”
 - Someone else said, “Practice Makes Perfect”
 - Many people work where “continuing education” is required.
- Christians need practice as well. We need practice. We need to continue education.

[Hebrews 5:12–14](#) For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you **again** the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* **unskilled** in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of **full age**, *that is*, those who **by reason of use** have their senses **exercised** to discern both good and evil.

[1 Timothy 5:4](#) but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must **first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family** and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God. (NASB)

- What are we practicing?
 - The word of righteousness
 - Piety, religion, Christian behavior
 - Love, mercy, forgiveness to others

[Ephesians 5:8–10](#) For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all **goodness, righteousness, and truth**), **finding out [continuing education about]** what is acceptable to the Lord.

- We practice good words, practice good thoughts, and practice good behavior.
- We practice being watchful for temptations, watchful for opportunities to do good, and watchful for the Lord’s return

[Colossians 4:2](#) **Continue earnestly** in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

- We practice praying, practice worshiping, and practice studying the word
- 3 things will help us be better Christians: **Practice, Practice, Practice!**