

“Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.”
Proverbs 4:13 NIV

It's hard to believe but this is the month most students start back to school.

I think my kids are ready. Although they don't like to admit it, after the first few weeks they get bored and actually look forward to the school year starting back. But by and large there is groaning and sadness among students and teachers – probably less so from parents!

If we put aside our emotions however, this rite of passage is a part of our lives in a good way. Thinking back to my own school days there was the practical side of school that was beneficial. There are just some things that we need to know about math, science, and language that helps us to be better people. Everything we do in life from going to the grocery store to maintaining a lifestyle and a job is enhanced by education.

The other side of education is what we learn about ourselves. I had a college professor tell me one time that getting a college degree was less about actually learning math and science and more about learning how to complete something. In our educational endeavors, we also learn discipline and social skills. All of these items are important for us to live productive and fulfilling lives.

Which is why this is a good time for us to evaluate our education and study as Christian Disciples. Yes, we need to study the Bible in order to be better disciples. The bible tells us everything we need to know about ourselves and our God. This knowledge helps us as we go about daily tasks, as we work and play, as we relate with one another, and as we spend our own personal time in prayer with God.
Take advantage of the many educational opportunities available through our church and in the community.

We advertise many of these in our newsletters and bulletins - but only you can decide to make them part of your life. Make that decision this month and you will find your spiritual life enriched as a result. From the youngest to the oldest we all need the bible in our lives:

*Where childhood needs a standard
Or youth a beacon light,
Where sorrow sighs for comfort
Or weakness longs for might,
Bring forth the Holy Bible –
The Bible! There it stands!
Resolving all life's problems
And meeting its demands.
To Paradise a highway,
The Bible! There it stands!
Its promises unfailing,
Nor grievous its commands.
It points man to his Saviour,
The Lover of his soul;
Salvation is its watchword,
Eternity its goal!
– James M. Gray*

Have a great month!

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