

## Back To School?

---

by Wayne Goff

Yes, it's that time of year again and our children and grandchildren are headed back to school. The *implication* is that they will **learn** something that will improve the minds and lives while on this earth. But many children over the centuries have *gone to school* only to **fight against** learning much of anything! To borrow a biblical phrase and make my own application: "*For if there is first a **willing mind**...*" (2 Cor. 8:12). You would think every *school student* would realize the great value of a good education. But how many have wasted their educational years only to bemoan their sad condition later in life! "If only I had tried harder..."

The best way to foster a good education is to have a **strong support** behind it. Some parents are so strongly convinced that a good education is essential that they actually **do everything in their power** to make sure their children learn! After all, aren't children immature by definition? So well-balanced, disciplined parenting is a tremendous help until the child can grow up and be on his own.

I have been in school my entire life! Every Bible Class and every sermon I have preached required me to **study, learn, apply**, and then **go back** at a later date and study the same thing some more! Biblical learning is hard work. That's why so many brethren are almost biblically illiterate. They just refuse to put in the time and effort.

However consider this: **Jesus is the Master Teacher!** Don't you think His followers would then be **students**?! Listen to His invitation: "*Take My yoke upon you and **learn from Me**, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls*" (Matt. 11:29).

And again, "*Now **learn** this parable from the fig tree...*" (Matt. 24:32). And more importantly Jesus taught: "*It is written in the prophets, '**And they shall all be taught by God.**' Therefore everyone who has heard and **learned from the Father** comes to Me*" (John 6:45). True Christians are ever learning. It's never "back to school" for us. We never left.

333301