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## SCHOOL AGAIN . . . ?



HERE IT IS THE END OF JULY . . . SO IT MUST BE TIME FOR SCHOOL TO START AGAIN!

WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS START TODAY. IT'S BACK TO THE OLD ROUTINE FOR THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS IN OUR DISTRICT. FOR THOSE STUDENTS STARTING KINDERGARTEN THIS YEAR AT LEAST 2,340 DAYS OF SCHOOL WILL PASS BETWEEN NOW AND WHEN THEY GRADUATE IN 2032.

(NOTE: THAT'S 6.41 YEARS OF SCHOOL DAYS!) SO, WHEN YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD ASKS, "DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL AGAIN?" YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO HUNDREDS OF "YES" RESPONSES.

OBVIOUSLY, THE REALITY IS THAT HUNDREDS OF TEACHERS ARE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL AS WELL.

CONSIDER SOME OF THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL TEACHERS IN SCRIPTURE. ELIJAH TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS (II KINGS 2) BUT HE HAD TO GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL OF QUIETUDE WHERE HE LEARNED FROM A STILL SMALL VOICE (I KINGS 19:11-18). NICODEMUS WAS "THE TEACHER OF ISRAEL" (JOHN 3:10) BUT HE NEEDED ADDITIONAL SCHOOLING ABOUT BEING BORN AGAIN. GAMALIEL WAS A MASTER TEACHER IN JERUSALEM (ACTS 22:3) BUT HE HAD TO RETURN TO SCHOOL TO LEARN ABOUT THE LORD AND NOT JUST ABOUT THE LAW. TYRANNUS OPERATED A SCHOOL IN EPHESUS WHERE PAUL TAUGHT FOR TWO YEARS (ACTS 19:9-10) BUT HE HAD TO BE SCHOOLED IN "THE WAY." EVEN PAUL HAD TO FURTHER HIS EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL OF CONTENTMENT, FOR HE STATES IN PHILIPPIANS 4:11 THAT HE HAD TO LEARN TO BE CONTENT.

I THINK ALL OF US SHOULD BE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL THIS FALL. MARK 10:1 TELLS US OF SOME OF THE ROUTINE DURING CHRIST'S EARTHLY MINISTRY, IT SAYS "AND CROWDS GATHERED AROUND HIM AGAIN, AND, ACCORDING TO HIS CUSTOM, HE ONCE MORE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM." THE PHRASE "ONCE MORE" IS SIGNIFICANT. IT INDICATES THAT THE PEOPLE WERE IN THE HABIT OF GATHERING TO LEARN AND JESUS WAS IN THE HABIT OF TEACHING THEM.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS GO BACK TO SCHOOL EVERY YEAR. HAVE YOU BEEN BACK TO SCHOOL? MAYBE YOU NEED TO GET BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL. PERHAPS YOU SHOULD RETURN TO BEING INVOLVED IN A WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY. WHAT ABOUT AN ONLINE BIBLE COURSE? WE WOULD ALL DO WELL TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AS WE CONTINUE TO LEARN ABOUT OUR LORD.

LOOKING UP!

PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE