

## **Topics for Devotional Guide and Small Group Questions:**

**School/Grades:** Slaving Away in Egypt (Exodus 5:1-21)

**School/Grades:** Trials and Temptations (James 1:2-18)

**Decisions:** God's Wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

**Success/Ambition:** James & John Make a Request (Mark 10:35-45)

**Success/Ambition:** Nothing Compares to Knowing Christ (Philippians 3:1-11)

**Setting Priorities:** Counting the Cost (Luke 14:25-35)

**Future Plans:** Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21)

**Future Plans:** Boasting About Tomorrow (James 4:13-17)

**Choosing A Career:** Living Sacrifices (Romans 12:1-8)

## **Key Words:**

**Education** – Not found in Scripture

**Educated** - Acts 7:20-22 "At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for in his father's house. 21When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. 22Moses was **educated** in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action."

**School** – Not found in Scripture

**Lecture Hall** – Acts 19:8-10 "8Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. 9But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the **lecture hall** of Tyrannus. 10This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord."

**Teach** – Used 349 times

**Colossians 3: 16** "16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you **teach** and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

**Wisdom** – 215 times

**James 3:17-18** "17 But the **wisdom** from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. 18 And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness."

**Understanding** – 114 times

**Psalms 49:20** "A man who has riches without **understanding** is like the beasts that perish."

**Psalms 111:10** "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good **understanding**. To him belongs eternal praise."

**Psalms 119:104** "I gain **understanding** from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path."

**Learn** – 105 times

**Titus 3:1-4, 14**

"1Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

3At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit..."

"14Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives."

## Principles:

### 1 Corinthians 10:31

**31** So whether you eat or drink or **whatever** you do, do it all for the glory of God.

### Colossians 3:17

**17** And **whatever** you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Colossians 1:9-11

"...We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the **knowledge** of his will through all spiritual **wisdom** and **understanding**. **10** And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may *please him in every way*: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the **knowledge** of God, **11** being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully **12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light."

### Philippians 2:1-5

**1** If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. **3** **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit**, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. **4** Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5** Your **attitude** should be the same as that of Christ Jesus"

### Philippians 2:14-15

**14** Do **everything** without complaining or arguing, **15** so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe..."