

How to be a Good Student

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I. Introduction.

II. Reasons to study hard.

- A. It will take tremendous pressure off your life. When we study, we should study hard.
- B. We are building a platform for our future career.
- C. We are establishing the habit of working hard. (Proverbs 13:4, 18:9, 20:4, 28:19)
- D. It will show excellence for God's glory. (Philippians 1:10, I Corinthians 10:41, I Timothy 3:7, Proverbs 22:29)
- E. It honors one's parents who are helping. (Proverbs 20:12, Ephesians 6:2)

III. Skipping class is a bad idea.

- A. Most classes do not follow the text.
- B. Most texts need clarifying.
- C. Some of the material on the test will only be given in lecture.
- D. Professors will hint at what is on the test.
- E. Professors will notice who is absent.

IV. Other tips.

- A. Sit close to the front.
- B. Think aggressively in class.
- C. Take good notes.
- D. Never go to class unprepared.
- E. Start projects and papers early.
- F. Never start projects late.
- G. Pray for insight.
- H. Read the entire exam and answer the easy ones first.
- I. If you can, recheck your work.

J. Do not cheat.

1. A person who does this violates God's command for honesty. (Proverbs 20:17, Acts 5:1-11, Ephesians 4:25, Colossians 3:9)

2. This person violates school rules.

3. He establishes a bad habit. (Luke 16:10)

K. Spend some time with God before studying to make everything right with Him.

L. Make a plan to include spiritual activities.

M. Learn to use your daylight hours.

N. Concentrate during the week like you have a job.

O. Go to bed at a decent time.

P. Select extra-curricular activities well. (I Corinthians 15:33)

Q. Set your heart on the things God wants you to do.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to get good grades in college?

2. What would you tell a friend who is not showing up at class?

3. Which tip did you find the most valuable for college life? Explain.
