

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

Lesson Sixteen

TEACHERS (1): WHY WE GO TO SCHOOL

Burden to Impart:

School (education) is one of the most important matters in the children's lives. They need to be impressed that to go to school is not only a duty, it is a great privilege. In school we can gain knowledge to help prepare us for our future. Also, we can learn to get along with others who are different from us in work and play. What was at one time only offered for the children of kings and the rich is now ours.

Memory Verse: "Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding" (Proverbs 3:13)

Facts to Teach:

1. In times of old a boy would learn to do whatever his father did (farm, carpentry, hunt, work with metals, etc.) and a girl would learn to do whatever her mother did (cook, sew, laundry, preserve foods, raise children, etc.). Most people never went to school. They could only learn the things they needed to know at home or at work, so they could help their parents.
2. In times of old only a very few children ever got the opportunity to go to a school. In a school they could learn about things their parents may never have learned of or even seen. If they lived far away from the ocean they still could learn about the sea at school. If their parents never learned to read or write they could not teach their children, but the children could learn at school.
3. Another very important thing we learn in school is how to get along with others. There are always a lot of students in a school. Some are nice and some are not so nice. Some are friendly and some are annoying. We like some; we don't like others. This gives us an opportunity to LEARN to get along with others who are different than us. We can also learn to work and play together with others. What would the world be like if people never learned to get along with others?
4. In school we learn many things we could not otherwise learn:
 - a) Discipline: Following instructions and obeying authority. How do you like to be with people who have no discipline? How would the world be if there was no discipline? Would you prefer a trained, obedient, disciplined dog, or a wild, untrained dog?
 - b) Concentration: Working on problems trains our mind so it can think longer and clearer. This is how we build up our mind, just like exercise builds our body.
5. School helps prepare us for our future life: If we do not learn our lessons now, we will not be prepared for the future. Both Moses and Paul were greatly used by God. Both were prepared in their childhood for the works they did later in life when God called them.