

# Success in College... *God's Way*

## HOW TO GET GOOD (OR AT LEAST) BETTER GRADES IN COLLEGE

What are my top three college goals?

Examples:

- High GPA
- Adequate GPA and have some fun
- Get well paying job after graduation
- Spend minimum amount of time in school
- Find spouse
- Have fun
- Be actively involved in a student ministry

**You're paying for an education, not a diploma.**

My top three goals are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Why are grades important?

Are good grades the same as getting a useful education?

Things that I can easily do to do better in classes.

- Go to class
- Sit close to the front
- Meet and talk to my professor – before I have problems.
- Recognize quickly when I am falling behind. Take action before it gets too late.

**Test study tip:  
If you were the professor, what would you put on the test?  
Before a test, make up your own version of the test...and take it.**

Respecting Professors

- Show respect for professors and they will usually respect you. *Eph 6:1-9*
- Does your professor do research? If so, in what area? Ask them about it if you have a genuine interest.
- Don't waste their time. Be on time for class and other meetings.
- Don't whine if there's a problem. Patiently discuss problem and possible solutions. *Phil 2:14-15*

Respecting Knowledge

- Prov. 1:2-9
- Prov. 3:13
- Prov. 4:5-9
- Prov. 12:1 – "Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid."
- Prov. 15:22

**Have you prayed for your professors this week?**

Respecting your Time

- Col. 3:23-24 – "whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."
- Gal. 6:7 – "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."
- Prov. 10:4-5

Respecting God

- Prov. 3:5-10; 13-20
- Prov 9:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Long term benefits of acquiring wisdom, knowledge and skills

- More interesting jobs
- On average, higher paying jobs
- Fuller life
- Possibility of passing on wealth to children and grandchildren
- Ability and opportunities to serve God and His kingdom