

REPORT CARD TO HEAVEN

Int.

1. Aim: To show that God requires certain things for us to have eternal life.
2. Acts 11:26 **"And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."**
 - a. Disciple - learner, scholar
 - b. A Christian is a learner, student
3. Children in school get report cards
 - a. Today they are different - computer
 - b. In Past days we received a report that was similiar to this one called a "Report Card to Heaven."
4. Notice some similarities in a spiritual sense.

Discussion

I. REPORT CARD

- A. Students - Every person
 1. II Cor.5:10 **"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."**
 2. Age to be accountable - Even those who are children will appear before God.
- B. Principal = God
 1. He is our creator, maker and sustainer of life

2. Rev.20:12 **"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."**

C. Teacher

1. Jesus - Jn. 3:2 **"The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."**
2. He is qualified because he understands the students, he knows the subject matter, He sets the proper example.
3. The master teacher is Jesus.

D. School

1. The Lord's Church
2. Jesus Shed his blood for it - Acts 20:28 **"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."**

E. Term

1. Cradle to the grave - Ecl.12:1 **"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;"**

2. We are all subject to God
3. Parents must teach & train - Begin when they are born
 - a. Pro.22:6
 - b. II Tim. 3:15 **"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."**

II. GRADING

A. Subjects

1. Reading
 - a. Tim. 4:13 - "...**Give attendance to reading**..." - O.T. as well as N.T.
 - b. II Tim. 2:15 - Study involves reading - this helps us to be approved -- When you learn how to read and enjoy it the other comes easy
2. Writing
 - a. Jude 3 **"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."**
 - b. Valuable - God's message given in writing - good way to spread word -- use the written word to teach the Gospel.
 - c. Without it we would not have reading - Jn.8:32 - we can learn the truth

3. Arithmetic

a. Addition - II Pet. 1:5-7 Add graces

b. Subtraction - Eph. 4:24-31 - take away all vices EPH 4:24. **"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27. Neither give place to the devil. 28. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:"**

c. Division -

(1) II Tim. 2:15 - proper division means a proper understanding

(2) Gal. 6:10 - Helping those in need

d. Multiplication -

(1) II Cor. 9:10 - **"Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)"**

(2) God multiplies the seed sown - gives the increase - Money & goods - Lk.

6:38 **"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."**

4. Speech

- a. Acts 8:4 - went everywhere preaching - using our tongue
- b. Col. 4:6 - speech with grace - right words **"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."**
- c. Prov. 25:11 **"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."**

5. History

- a. Mt. 11:29 - learn of me [Jesus] His Story **"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."**
- b. Rm. 15:4 - things written aforetime are valuable for today -- hope **"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."**

6. Geography

- a. Mt. 28:19 - All nations - go teach them
- b. Mk. 16:15 - go into all the world - preach the gospel
- c. Gen. 1:1 -- God Created the world and all things there-in

7. Music

- a. Col. 3:16 - sing with grace in heart **"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."**
- b. Eph. 5:19 - make melody in your heart **"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"**

8. Agriculture

- a. Lk. 8:11 **"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God."**
- b. Seed will produce if sown in good soil

B. Character Traits - II Pet. 1:5-7

1. Faith - Heb. 11:6 - Foundation of our hope
2. Virtue
 - a. Manliness - Courage to do what is right
 - b. Fortitude - strength to stand
 - c. Moral energy
 - d. Faith translated into action
 - e. Joseph - Gen. 39:7-12 is an example
3. Knowledge
 - a. Comes by study of Word - pleases God - learn to do right
 - b. Must have a strong desire for word - Mt. 5:6

4. Temperance

a. Self control - self discipline

(1) Temper - Eph. 4:32

(2) Tongue - Jas. 3:1-12

(3) Desires - 1 Cor. 6:12

b. Self government - holding oneself in limits

c. Pro. 25:28 **"He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls."**

5. Patience

a. Not just a quiet person who doesn't say much

b. Bearing up under a heavy load or burden

c. Steadfastness - Job is an example

6. Godliness

a. Reverence, respect & piety toward God - 2 Tim. 6:6

b. Godlikeness - Holy Living

7. Brotherly Kindness

a. Love for fellow-saints

b. Love the brethren

c. Genuine love

d. Jn. 13:35 **"By this all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."**

e. 1 Jn. 4:7

8. Love
 - a. Universal love - God & Man - Active Good Will
 - b. Doing Good for others - Seeks highest good
 - c. Col. 3:14

C. Graded on Behavior

1. Absenteeism - Heb. 10:25 - forsake not
2. Tardiness - I Cor. 14:40 - decently and in order **"Let all things be done decently and in order."**
3. Conduct
 - a. Rm. 2:6 - judged by deeds **"Who will render to every man according to his deeds:"**
 - b. Jas.1:27 - keep unspotted - pure religion **"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."**

D. Obeying Instructions

1. Plan of Salvation
 - a. Faith - Heb.11:6
 - b. Repentance - Lk. 13:3
 - c. Confession - Rm. 10:10
 - d. Baptism - Acts 2:38, 22:16 Mk.16:16
2. Grading Key: -- PASS or FAIL [only way there is]

Conclusion

1. Final Destination
 - a. At the end of term
 - b. Or life whichever comes first
2. Mt. 25:34,41
 - a. **"Come ye blessed...inherit the Kingdom..."**
 - b. **"Depart from me...into everlasting fire..."**
3. Will you Pass or Fail?
 - a. There is no second chance. - no taking it over
 - b. No summer school
 - c. You can only live your life one time! Live it right!

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