

Some devotional thoughts from the newsletter editor

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The end of the semester has crept up on me. It always seems to do this, but this time it is met with mixed emotions. I will be graduating on May 13! This exciting event has drawn me into somber reflection. A day that I never thought would come is here.

When I look back over the last five years, a few things stand out. I had a few interesting classes, a couple of great professors, and I even learned a few things, but some of the most important experiences were found outside of the classroom. God has blessed me with many valuable friendships and opportunities to serve Him. While participating in home and international missions, I learned more about myself, the world and God than I could have received from a book or lecture.

The lessons I learned through service cut much deeper. They have changed my life and shaped my future. Your course work is important, but wisdom is more valuable than knowledge. Don't rush through college in order to get a diploma. You will miss out on a great education. One of the best parts of my college experience was the year that I took off to serve in South Africa. Seek after God, and ask Him to show you where to serve Him. Trust me, the riches that you will receive through obedience are well worth any sacrifice.

Proverbs 2:1-9

"My son, if you will receive my words
And treasure my commandments within you,
Make your ear attentive to wisdom,
Incline your heart to understanding;
For if you cry for discernment,
Lift your voice for understanding;
If you seek her as silver
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
Then you will discern the fear of the Lord
And discover the knowledge of God.
For the Lord gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
Guarding the paths of justice,
And He preserves the way of His godly ones.
Then you will discern righteousness and justice
And equity and every good course."