

# **Bible Lessons Learned at Christian Schools**

## **Matthew 22:16**

- ⊕ I became a Christian on July 16, 1968; almost immediately afterward I went off to school to be a preacher.
- ⊕ Compared to the “preacher boys” I was grouped with, I knew very little factual information about the Bible, and was totally ignorant of any church “traditions.”
- ⊕ I was naïve, idealistic, and bristling with rough edges, but I loved Jesus more than anything else.
- ⊕ From those beginnings I have attended three Christian schools and have taught in one; lessons learned in these associations are at the core of my present makeup.

### **Downtown (Jas. 2:1)**

- ⊕ The Print Shop (Matt. 5:37).
- ⊕ The back side of the dorm (Matt. 9:9-13).
- ⊕ “Head coverings” (Matt. 23:23-24).
- ⊕ Basketball and Bible (Matt. 6:33).
- ⊕ The cafeteria visitor (Matt. 20:20-28).
- ⊕ Rex Turner (Jn. 1:47).
- ⊕ Franklin Camp (I Tim. 1:15).
- ⊕ Family (I Cor. 12:12, 27).

### **Applications**

- ⊕ Truth frees (Jn. 8:31-32).
  - ⊕ The seekers are out there, but ... (Jn. 5:43-44).
  - ⊕ Christians make the church; the church doesn’t make Christians (I Pet. 2:5).
  - ⊕ Jesus “talks,” not money, not anything else (Matt. 17:5).
  - ⊕ Simple commitment rules (I Jn. 1:7).
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- ⊕ Some of my greatest moments as a Christian have been experienced in Christian schools; I would not trade them for anything.

⊕ Some of my greatest frustrations were also found there; good and better must not prevent best.

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