

#### SCHOOL - DO IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!

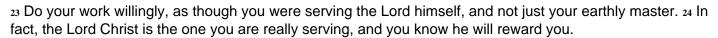
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### **Bible Readings**

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Colossians 3:12-17

## **Memory Verse**



Colossians 3:23-24



# CASEY'S DAY

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Starting a new school year can bring a mix of feelings. It's time for a fresh, new start! Maybe a new classroom, a new teacher, and perhaps even new classmates. That can feel exciting! It can also bring feelings of nervousness or anxiousness. To have many different feelings is normal. Would you be surprised to hear that your teachers feel this way too?

Your job as a student is important! You learn many new things each day and year after year at school. Colossians 3:23-24 says that whatever you do, you should work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. That's true for everything you do at school. Think of it as more than just your daily schoolwork and homework. While at school, you should do all things as if you were doing them for God. When you are trying your best at math, it is the Lord you are serving. When you have a positive attitude toward an assignment you dislike, you work at it with all your heart. When you include someone who looks lonely, you are serving him.

However, the work may sometimes feel too hard or even overwhelming! When you feel tired and need encouragement, read <u>Galatians 6:9-10</u> and don't give up, because "...at the proper time, we will reap a harvest." This isn't a promise of a reward but a reminder that everything you do is because you love God and who he is. As you head into a new school year, remember these words from <u>Proverbs 16:3</u>: "Share your plans with the Lord, and you will succeed."

## **Prayer**

God, a new school year is beginning, and I feel many different emotions. Lord, I pray that I may enter this new year with the reminder that all I do and say is working for you. Bless the work of my hands this year. Amen

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