

PRINCIPLES FOR BEING A GOOD STUDENT

- A. ***The 80/20 Rule*** – 80% of the benefit from school can be derived from doing the right 20% of the activity well.
- B. ***Always attend class.***
1. Most courses don't exactly follow the text.
 2. Hints are often given as to what to expect on exams.
 3. The instructor may notice absences and consider them when giving final grades.
 4. Most textbooks need clarification; the lecture helps explain the text.
 5. Important information is emphasized verbally.
 6. Preparation for exams is often given in class.
- C. ***Determine the objectives for each course.***
- D. ***Think aggressively in class and take good notes.***
1. You don't have to write everything down.
 2. Different notebook for each subject; date the entries; be neat.
 3. The palest ink is better than the keenest mind.
 4. **Never go to class unprepared.** (20 min. Before = 1 hr. after)
 5. Pay attention during the last five minutes of class.
- E. ***Turn in all assigned homework.***
1. Start papers early. Set up a milestone chart.
 2. Don't turn in late.
 - a. Takes no more time to do it on time than at a later time.
 - b. Usually grade is reduced on letter.
 - c. Usually do poorly catching up. You never have the time you dream of. You chisel on some later responsibilities.
 - d. Do as much optional homework as you can.
- F. ***Learn to take exams.***
1. Pray for help and insights.
 2. Read the exam. Answer easiest questions first. On essay tests, divide time according to the value given the question.
 3. Only change answers when you've made an obvious mistake.
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 4. **Taking Objective Tests**
 - a. Answer easy questions first.
 - b. Change questionable answers only if you have made an obvious mistake.
 - c. Eliminate obvious wrong choices to prevent confusion in your mind.
 - d. Try something in every blank. (James Bonding)
 - e. Circle qualifying terms on the test.
 5. **Taking Essay Tests**
 - a. Read ALL questions before answering any.
 - b. Divide time according to the value of the question.
 - c. Pass over ones you do not know well until later.
 - d. Make clear the essence of the answer. If you do not know the answer, bluff.
 - e. When studying for an essay test: ACROSTICIZE and MEMORIZE.
 6. Learn how you best learn.

- G. ***Do not cheat.*** Proverbs 20:17 Acts 5:1-11
Ephesians 4:25 Col. 3:9
1. It breaks God's rules.
 2. It breaks school rules.
 3. It can have far-reaching consequences. You establish a habit of cheating that damages your walk with God, mars your integrity, and violates your conscience.

SUGGESTIONS

- A. Spend some time reading your Bible and praying before you study when possible.
- B. Make a brief weekly plan.
- C. Try to study one and one-half hours for each hour in class.
- D. Concentrate on Monday through Friday; plan only one-half day on Saturday; use Sunday as a special day of rest.
- E. Use your daytime hours well; ***don't stay up too late.***
- F. Sometimes an 'A' may not be worth it.
- G. Select extra-curricular activities well. You will become like the people you are around. / *Corinthians 15:32*