



LEA Weekly Devotion

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What Do You See?

Picture your followers (aka students) seated before you. You will soon get to know them much better, and some of them already have a reputation, which you will need to address one way or another. You may look forward to some and dread others. You may even have some who are easy to ignore because they are shy or timid. But God has sent them to you so you can shed light on the mysteries of God's creation.

In his day, John saw the light because he was a child of God. And so did many others according to what he said:

But to all who did receive him who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).

Yes, John understood the critical need of being such a child. And you too can claim the title "child of God." Jesus has made you His own through His life, death, and resurrection. Nurture or defend your title as an important element of your righteous life. Here is one of His vital instructions:

See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven (Matt. 18:10).

You probably wouldn't want to confess despising any of your students, but you likely come close sometimes, right? And it's also true that some of them may actually be despicable! But that's not your concern right now.

Be light hearted. Shine with the love of Jesus. Prepare your classes while surmising how each of your students need you to explain or remind them of what they need to know. Treat them well, and when they don't give you the treatment you deserve, forgive them.

So when you look at your class next time, remember your teachers and what you must have looked to them in the early days of a new school year.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.... (1 John 3:1).

Question for consideration and prayer: *Consider the value and benefits of setting aside a schedule of*

prayers for each of your students by name.

See a Psalm: [Psalm 121:1–8](#)

Put a song in your heart: [Go, children of God.](#)

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**A joyful heart is good medicine,
But a crushed spirit dries up the bones—Prov. 17:22 ESV**

