School Supply Checklist

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INTRODUCTION

- This morning I want to talk about a school supply checklist, but not the one that you'll pick up in the store or even from your school.
- All of these are obviously items that all of us need to include in our lives.
- Pray for our young people, that they'll include these items in their back to school checklist, and that they might let their light shine.

1 Take Honesty With You

Colossians 3:9–10; Galatians 6:7; 1 Timothy 1:19

- Just make the decision that in every way and in every facet of your life, you're just going to be honest.
- Do not lie to one another, since you've put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of him who created him.
- Half a truth with half a lie is simply a whole lie.
- Do not be deceived. God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that will he also reap.
- So be honest with others. Be honest with God. And please be honest with yourself.
- Having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected concerning the faith, have suffered shipwreck.

2 Respect for Authority

Colossians 3:20; 1 Peter 2:13–17

- Parents, even of the youngest of children, need to realize that they're not raising children. They're raising future adults.
- Remove from your mind this modern day notion that respect must be earned before it is given. That's not a biblical principle.
- Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.
- Why must I respect others who are in positions of authority? Because of God.
- Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.
- Parents and older people, we must be the model.

3 Take With You Courage

Daniel 1; 1 Corinthians 16:13

- Courage is doing what is right in the face of opposition. And in the face of fear.
- Make the decision that you're going to do what's right. No matter what.
- He's able to distinguish between the trivial and the significant.

- That compromise is not a personal compromise. That's a compromise of faith and of integrity. And I will not.
- Watch. Stand fast in the faith. Be brave. And be strong.
- Draw from the biblical examples. Draw from the examples that are all around you.

4 Lastly, and Above All, Take God

- Although this is at the bottom of our list, it should be at the top of yours. Take God.
- Don't be ashamed to tell anybody that you believe in God.
- Rejoice, O young man in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth.
- What that's saying is, enjoy youth. Enjoy it.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Make the decision from day one that I'm going to be a child of God in every way in every day of my life.**

MY NOTES