

A Prayer of Obedience and Self-Control for Educators

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 81:1-8, Deuteronomy 8

Reflections of the Heart:

Jesus said, "If you love me, obey my commandments!" *John 14:15*

ONE Prayer:

Our Father, thank You for the love and compassion You show toward educators. Thank You for providing education as a profession, allowing educators to learn obedience to Your Word and to the rules and practices of effective teaching and learning, as they work with the leaders of tomorrow. Thank You for using the field of education as a means to help people discipline their minds and bodies and learn to walk in self-control. Thank You for keeping Your covenant with humanity throughout the ages. Lord, You are compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. Your unfailing love toward those who fear You is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. Let the whole world fear You, Lord. Almighty God, You are so awesome! Father, You are great and most worthy of praise.

Righteous Father, by faith, we confess that professional educators will obey Your commands, walk in Your ways, and honor You. They will let their good deeds shine out for all to see, and everyone will praise You, our heavenly Father. We decree that they will openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that You, O God, raised Him from the dead, and they will be saved. We confess that they will agree that Your instructions are perfect, reviving the souls of all who follow Your Word. Your decrees are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Your commandments are right, bringing joy to their hearts. Your commands are clear, giving insight for living. Revering You is pure, lasting forever. Your laws are true and each one is fair. Father, Your Word is more desirable than gold to professional educators, yes, even the finest gold. Your Word is sweeter than honey dripping from the honeycomb. Your Word warns everyone and they can expect great reward as they obey it. We declare that as they are willing and obedient to You, they will eat the good of the land. As they seek Your Kingdom above all else, and live righteously, we know that You will give them everything they need.

Today, I am praying for educators to obey God, our Father, in the following areas:

Omnipotent Father, please let Your ears be attentive to the prayers of professional educators. Holy Spirit, please show them where they are consistently missing the mark. Guide their lives so that they will not participate in sinful acts such as causing discord amongst each other, being judgmental, having sex outside of marriage, committing adultery, neglecting their students and families, and being greedy and lazy (***say aloud any additional sinful acts that come to mind***). Help them to turn from their areas of disobedience and fully release their whole hearts to the leading of the Holy Spirit. As an education community, help us to continue encouraging each other and building each other up on a regular basis.

Compassionate Father, forgive educators for all acts of sinfulness. Lord, forgive those who practice half-hearted worship. Forgive those who, at times, treat You irreverently. Forgive them where they have not glorified Your Name and Your Kingdom by their actions and lifestyles in their

public or private activities. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind educators of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of any educators that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help educators to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Triumphant Lord, You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You are the God who is, and who was, and who is still to come – the Almighty One. All honor and glory to You, God forever and ever! You are the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; You alone are God. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 25:6, Gen 17:7, Psalm 103:8,11, Psalm 33:8, Psalm 96:4, Deuteronomy 8:6, Matt 5:16, Rom 10:9 Psalm 19:7-11, Isaiah 1:19, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 1:8, I Timothy 1:17

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