



Bible Verses to Inspire You in the New School Year

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I remember years ago walking into the classroom of a new teacher. The first thing I noticed was the bulletin board at the back of the classroom. On that bulletin board, neatly and colorfully written, was this verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" (Philippians 4:13, NKJV).

It is a great idea to find a key Bible verse to be your theme and support for the new school year. Have you taken the time to decide on a verse to use for the 2023-24 school year? You may be working in a public school or an environment where you cannot display a verse of Scripture, but you can still have a verse for focus and be creative in your reminders. I like to display the phrase "be a blessing" as the screensaver of my computer. I would love to hear from you concerning what you do.

Here are some other verses to inspire you as you begin a new academic year. You may want to print them out on a card and keep the cards in your desk or display them to read daily. All Scripture references are from NKJV.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

"Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established" (Proverbs 16:3).

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him” (James 1:5).

“Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things” (Matthew 6:34).

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28).

“Let all that you do be done with love” (1 Corinthians 16:14).

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men” (Colossians 3:23).

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

My prayer is that you will select some of these verses (or another one that you like) and use them to strengthen you in the coming year. I want you to feel at the end of the school year that God has been with you through every day and every hour. God bless you in all that you do this year.

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