

# THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GETTING AN EDUCATION AND A DEGREE

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(Isaiah 1:17) (Acts 22:3)

There is a major difference between receiving an education and a degree. The Bible tells us to obtain an education. However, the world teaches us to pursue a degree. A person who has a degree is not necessarily educated. A person who is educated may not have a degree.

Obtaining a degree from college **DOES NOT** mean you are a well informed person. It proves that you have the discipline to complete a task. A person who is educated is well informed about many issues. They have the ability to speak intelligently regarding various topics.

The word education is defined as the process of imparting or **ACQUIRING GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**. Receiving an

education can come through many avenues. You can become educated through mentorship, google search, wise counsel, conferences, seminars, public forums or training programs. **BECOMING EDUCATED IS BECOMING WELL INFORMED.**

There is a difference between obtaining a degree and receiving an education. A degree empowers you to receive lucrative opportunities. An education empowers you to become enlightened.

In order to be **EFFICIENT** and **EFFECTIVE** you **NEED** to obtain a degree **AND** an education. A degree will open doors of employment. Education will **TEACH YOU HOW TO CAPITALIZE ON THE OPPORTUNITY.**

OBTAINING A DEGREE WILL EXALT  
YOU IN THE WORLD

(Acts 22:3)

The world honors people with degrees. A degree is a certification the world gives to prove that you are qualified to work within the sphere of **THEIR** expectations. The world will honor what they give to you. However, they will never honor what you can provide for yourself.

The systems of the world **DO NOT** want you to be independent of their power. Their systems are designed to keep you **ENSLAVED** and **DEPENDENT** on their resources. The Kingdom of God **WANTS** you to be independent of the world's power so you can have the courage to stand for righteousness.

Ephesians 2:2 declares that Satan is the prince of the air. The devil governs the **SYSTEMS** of the world. When you become and remain a slave to his system, the world will promote you.

Obtaining a degree will make you relevant to the world's academic and business arena. However, your degree will

have **NO** influence in the Kingdom of God. The Apostle Paul understood this. He was a product of the academic institution during his era.

The Apostle Paul studied under Gamaliel in Acts 22:3. Gamaliel carefully trained the Apostle Paul to be a certified educator of the Jewish law. With this certification the Apostle Paul was able to articulate and teach Jewish law to the masses.

The Jewish leaders exalted Paul while he was being trained under **THEIR SYSTEM** until Jesus intervened. When Jesus enlightened the Apostle Paul to a **BROADER** education the Jewish leaders started hating him.

OBTAINING AN EDUCATION WILL  
EXALT YOU IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

(Isaiah 1:17)

The Bible promotes education. Jesus honors people who pursue education. Education empowers you to become

enlightened so you can be the **LIGHT IN A DARKENED WORLD**. Isaiah 1:17 says, "*learn to do well.*"

This Kingdom principle magnifies how important it is to pursue an education. It also informs you of the **REWARD** you will receive when you become educated. The reward for being educated is having the ability to **DO WELL** on the earth.

You will never have enough education. You can always learn something new. **WELL INFORMED** people make the best decisions. They receive the best results.

Education buys your freedom. It makes you independent of the world's system. When you become highly educated (*well informed*) you will not accept the lies people will tell you.

John 8:32 says "*And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.*" Being educated will enlighten you to

the **TRUTH** that is buried under a pile of lies. That truth will free you from the bondage of the world.

## WHY DO YOU NEED A DEGREE?

There is only one reason why you need a degree. You still live **IN** the world, even though you are not of the world. Since we are residents of the world's environment we must comply with their expectations.

Getting a degree will unlock opportunities to work in lucrative industries. It will also provide you with the opportunity to hold influential positions. However, receiving an education will empower you in the Kingdom of God.

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