

## Summer Bible Assignment

Across our nation, schools have reported an increase in situations involving bullying. Unfortunately, the middle school at Calvary Christian School has seen a rise in this problem as well. In an effort to be proactive in putting a stop to "bully type" behavior, the following assignment is required for all middle school students registered for the 2010-2011 school year. Please be in prayer for the 2010-2011 administration, teachers and students, that we may all practice what Jesus taught about how we are to treat one another.

### PART I

Read the following passages of scripture. Choose one passage and commit it to memory. You will be required to say the passage during Bible class the first full day of school (August 16, 2010).

**Ephesians 4:29, 31-32** - "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you."

**I John 4:10-12** - "This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."

### PART II

Study the following verse of scripture. Study means to meditate on it, take it apart and understand what the scripture is teaching. This will require time and thought. Be prepared to say it during the first week of school.

**I Timothy 4:12** - Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

### PART III

Using the verses above write an essay in which you discuss what these verses teach about how we should treat other people. In your essay, consider the following questions: "What do these verses teach as the reason why it is important for us to love other people?" "If you obey these verses, how will it affect how you treat other people?" "According to these verses, why is it wrong to bully or mistreat another student?" Finally, include in your essay, what you personally will do to ensure that Calvary Christian Middle School is a place where students and teachers work together to exemplify Christ-like behavior. Think about the desire to exemplify Christ-like behavior and suggest a motto that we can adopt for the 2010-2011 school year. Be creative. Your essay will be due on the first day of school, August 13, 2010.