

# THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GETTING AN EDUCATION & GETTING A DEGREE

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

There is a major difference between getting an education and getting a degree. The Bible teaches us to get an education but the world teaches us to pursue a degree. A person who has a degree is not necessarily educated and a person who is educated may not have a degree.

Getting a degree from a college or university **DOES NOT** prove that you are a well informed person, it proves that you have the discipline to finish something. A person that is educated is well informed about many issues whether it be financial, spiritual, relational, political, environmental and etc.

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

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

The primary difference between getting a degree in a certain field and getting an education is that a degree empowers you to get a job or a career in a specific area while education empowers you to become enlightened to what you are ignorant to. In order to be **EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE** in this world you **NEED** to obtain a degree **AND** constantly pursue becoming educated because a degree will get you a career but an education will **TEACH YOU HOW TO USE** the degree in a way it will work for you.

GETTING A DEGREE WILL GET YOU  
EXALTED IN THE WORLD

(Acts 22:3)

The world honors people with degrees because a degree is something **THEY GIVE YOU** to prove that you are qualified to work within the sphere of **THEIR** expectations. The world will always honor what they can give to you instead of what you can provide for yourself. Please never forget this...

AN EDUCATION IS A TOOL THAT YOU PROVIDE  
FOR YOURSELF. A DEGREE IS A CERTIFICATE OF  
APPROVAL THAT THE WORLD'S ACADEMIC  
SYSTEM GIVES YOU.

The systems of this world **DOES NOT** want you to be independent and free. Their systems are designed to keep you **ENSLAVED** and **DEPENDENT** on their resources so that you will be **BOUND** to their legislation and expectations. The Kingdom of God **WANTS** you to be free and independent so that you may have the ability and courage to **REJECT** the wicked and immoral ways of

this world. The reason the world wants you to be enslaved is because their system exalts who they can control.

According to Ephesians 2:2 the devil is the prince of the air. The devil governs the **SYSTEMS** of this world and when you become and remain a slave to his system, the world will promote you. Getting a degree will make you relevant to the world's academic and business arena but your degree will have **NO** influence in the Kingdom of God. The Apostle Paul understood this because he was a product of the academic institution that was applicable in the Biblical days.

The Apostle Paul studied under Gamaliel in Acts 22:3. He carefully trained him to be a certified educator of the Jewish law but with this certification the Apostle Paul understood that his certification was **NOT** the end of his education. The Jewish leaders exalted Paul while he was trained under **THEIR SYSTEM** but they soon hated him when Jesus enlightened him to a broader education.

# GETTING AN EDUCATION WILL EXALT YOU IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

(Isaiah 1:17)

The Bible promotes education. Jesus honors people who pursue becoming educated because education empowers you to become enlightened so that you can be the **LIGHT IN A DARKENED WORLD**. Isaiah 1:17 tells us to “learn to do well”. This Biblical principal magnifies how important it is to pursue an education & it also informs you of the reward you will receive when you become educated in a particular area. The reward for being educated is having the ability to do well on the earth.

YOUR DEGREE WILL GET YOU AN  
OPPORTUNITY BUT YOUR EDUCATION WILL  
CAUSE YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITHIN THAT  
OPPORTUNITY.

You will never have enough education because you can always learn something new. **WELL INFORMED** people usually makes the best decisions which rewards them with the best results. Education buys your freedom and independence from the world. When you become highly educated (well informed) about finances, your cultural history, your spiritual lineage and etc you will be hated by many people because you will not accept the lies that they 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 and that truth will free you from the bondage of the world.

## WHY DO YOU NEED TO GET A DEGREE?

There is only one reason why you need to get a degree and that is because you still live **IN** the world even though you are not of the world. The fact that you live **IN** the

world forces you to comply with their expectation of getting a degree but it does **NOT** force you to be dependent on their system because the more you become educated the more you will become liberated. Getting a degree will unlock the world's systematic doors to obtaining certain jobs and upholding certain positions but getting an education will unlock doors in the Kingdom of God because remember what the Lord said, "**YOU NEED TO LEARN TO DO WELL**".

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