



“A Graduation Survival Kit”

Commencement Address to the Class of 2015

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It is an honor to present the commencement address for the 2015 graduate class of AGCCA. This is the second year in a row that I have had this honor. For nearly 8 years I have been privileged to be a part of Alabama Gulf Coast Christian Academy as a volunteer and chapel teacher. It is always a pleasure to visit both campuses and encourage the young people. For the graduates I would like to present a “Graduation Survival Kit.” Let me identify the 27 items (one for each NT book):

“Batman” Ruler = A reminder of the Golden rule (**Matthew 7:12**).

A Round “Tuit” = A reminder NOT to put off important things (**Mark 10:17-27**).

Calculator = A reminder to count the cost (**Luke 12:48**).

Rock = A reminder NOT to judge others too harshly (**John 8:1-12**).

\$10 Monopoly Money = A reminder of that Jesus purchased us with His blood (**Acts 20:28**).

Germ-X = A reminder that we must stay away from sin (**Romans 3:23, 6:23**).

Heart Balloon = A reminder that love must be in our hearts (**I Corinthians 13**).

Tootsie Rolls = A reminder that we have to learn to roll with it (**II Corinthians 4:16-18**).

Paper Clips = A reminder that everyone needs good friends (**Galatians 6:1-2**).

Flashlight = A reminder that men of God must lead their wives (**Ephesians 5:21-33**).

Laffy Taffy(s) = A reminder to smile, laugh, and rejoice (**Philippians 4:4**).

Salt & Pepper = A reminder to season your words with salt and pepper it with truth (**Colossians 4:6**).

Prayer Box Bracelet = A reminder to pray without ceasing (**I Thessalonians 5:17**).

Model Car = A reminder to let God direct your heart toward heaven (**II Thessalonians 3:3-5**).

American Flag = A reminder to pray for our country (**I Timothy 2:1-2**).

Jell-O = A reminder NOT to quiver with fear, but trust in God (**II Timothy 1:7**).

Magnetic “Yoda” List Pad = A reminder to find a mentor and listen to your elders (**Titus 2:1-5**).

USB Flash Drive = A reminder to discard the bad stuff, save good things (**Philemon 17-20**).

Post It Notes = A reminder to share with others (**Hebrews 13:16**).

2015 Calendar = A reminder to always make time for God (**James 4:8**).

Ready Reference = A reminder that we always need to be ready to give a defense (**I Peter 3:15**).

Into the Abundant Life Book/Bible = A reminder to grow and add to your faith (**II Peter 1:5-9**).

Dental Floss = A reminder to keep your mouth clean and confess sin (**I John 1:5-10**).

“STOP” Bumper Sticker = A reminder to NOT lose things you’ve worked hard to achieve (**II John 8**).

Red Sharpie = A reminder to make a mark on the world for Jesus (**III John 11**).

Brick = A reminder to build up a most holy faith (**Jude 20-21**).

Writing Pad = A reminder to write down things that mean something to you (**Revelation 1:19**).