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PREPARE TO TEST WELL

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What are you
doing to prepare
for the exams
this season?

Pray
Plan
Praise

DON'T BE OVERWHELMED

What is studying?

What is studying? Studying is the dedicated, conscious effort to acquire knowledge, understanding, or skill through reading, research, and examination. It involves active mental application, such as memorizing, and reviewing material in an academic or formal context, Google, 2026.

Studying requires strict mental and emotional discipline that creates a focus that will prepare mental faculties to respond to, absorb, and create a co-structured system of application, Ramierez, 2026. In other words, studying is a meta-cognitive preparation method that forces one to accept what information they already know, compare it to what they need to know, while developing enough interest and focus to inquire, and search for what they do not know.

When mental labor is put to the test in such ways, a higher, more accurate understanding is needed. This understanding is attained by having a healthy realization of ones' ability. Even if one has Aphrodite status in curriculum and pedagogical coursework, the seeing eye is needed, and the hearing ear must be employed. These eyes and ears come from God's ability to administer, and deploy the correct details, and interpretations to one's mind.

Before study is applied, God's mercy and ability to align students with the knowledge needed must be sought after. Before you study, seek the Lord for the correct rubric of effort that will be needed to be successful on these upcoming exams. Happy testing.

UPCOMING EXAMS:

Key Testing Areas (Spring 2026):

- Grades 3–8: NYS English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics assessments are the primary state tests.
- High School Regents (Grades 9-12 & Advanced 8th): Mandatory exams for graduation, including:
 - ELA: English Language Arts.
 - Math: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II.
 - Science: Living Environment (Biology), Chemistry, Earth and Space Sciences, Physics.
 - Social Studies: Global History & Geography (usually 10th), U.S. History & Government (usually 11th).
- Other School Tests: NYS English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) and NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) for eligible students.
- College Entrance/University Testing:
- AP Exams: Advanced Placement tests for college credit, typically held in early May.
- SAT/ACT: College entrance exams, with NYC Public Schools offering free school-day SATs for 11th graders.
- CUNY Proficiency: Tests assessing if students are ready for credit-bearing courses, often relying on high school GPA and Regents scores.
- All other board certifications, for law, medicine, engineering, aviation, etc.



"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; "

2 Tim 3:14



*For whatsoever things were
written aforetime were
written for our learning,
that we through patience
and comfort of the
scriptures might have hope.*
Romans 15:4

BIBLE VERSES

What does the Bible say?

- 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
- Acts 17:11: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."
- John 5:39: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."
- Joshua 1:8: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein..."
- Psalm 119:15: "I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways."
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."
- 1 John 2:27: But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him
- 1 Pet 3:15: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: