

## 22Z10 October Student Update

Hello my friends. I hope everyone is doing well today.

First, order of business. Let's pray. **Father God, Thank You God for this time today. Thank you for each student, teacher, father, mother, brother and sister. Guide my words today so your message is heard despite my words. Help us Father to stay focused on you in the storms of life. When trials and trouble come. You know what we need Lord, we trust You Lord Jesus. And I pray all these things in your Name Lord Jesus, Amen.**

I pray that your semester is going well. For those of you that have not received stipends yet and believe you should have, please contact your pastor and Joy in order to find out what is holding up the stipend. Also, get on the Google Drive and double check all of your requirements have been received. It is your responsibility to make sure our system sees the requirements. If there is a problem, please contact Joy.

If you are a returning student and you have not submitted grades from spring semester. They are past due. If grades are not submitted by the end of October, then your stipend will be suspended until this requirement is satisfied. Please email us with the reason for the delay.

Additionally, church attendance is not optional. If you want to continue receive stipends from us, then you must attend church. Only absents excused by your sponsoring pastor will be accepted.

Last, if you are in our program even if you are only on the wait list. You are required to listen to these messages I'm posting.

Our YouTube channel is [Punla Christian Ministries - YouTube](#). Signup on our YouTube channel to follow our channel and select the notification bell so you will be notified when new content is posted. Then watch the videos as they are posted. Wednesday I will post a Bible study specifically for you. The last Thursday of each month I will post an update like this one. The other posting on Monday and Friday are my public Bible studies. Understand this, this is how we communicate with you. It is your responsibility to check your email and watch the videos

If you are having trouble viewing the videos because of poor internet connections, you also can download MP3 podcasts or PDF versions of every message on our website [PUNLA Coffee Table – Jesus! Bible! Life! Let's talk about it!](http://www.punlacoffeetable.org) (www.punlacoffeetable.org)

I am not a social media person, but I am posting these video on other sites for your convenience,

Facebook: [Kip Wehrman | Facebook](#)

Twitter: [KipWehrman@PUNLAtable](#)

I try to post on Instagram as well but Instagram does not always accept my video shares. So this is not a reliable site to follow us on.

If you would like me to post on any other social media site, please email and I will try.

Let me reiterate, if you are in our program or want to be in our program, you must sign up for the YouTube channel but it is very helpful to me if you sign up and follow us on as many of these platforms as you can.

Enough of business.

I want to share a passage from Philippians with you today. We did a detailed Bible study on Philippians last year but this week I have had these verse pop up over and over in my personal study. Let me read them to you. Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV). **Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.)**

Like-mindedness, same love, one in spirit, one mind. What powerful words about unity. Like-mindedness or unity is sometimes translated as harmony. I think it's easier for us to understand this if we think about music. Notes played together in harmony make beautiful music. Not in harmony it's terrible. The notes are different, just like we are different, but when we work together and live together focused on God's will we are like that beautiful music. Our like-mindedness is beautiful to behold. And the only way to do this is without selfishness. We can not live in harmony with other Christians if we are only concerned with us. What we get, what we wear, what we eat, you get the point. It's not about you. Instead we should do everything with humility. This means to put others interest before our own. An example of this is this program. I could use this money to go on vacation or buy something which is selfish, instead my family says God what would you want me to do with your money. It's already God's. Then we use this money for your stipend, your scholarship, or a feeding program there in Bicol. We are putting the interest of people in Bicol ahead of my personal wants.

We are all selfish. I know I can be sometimes. But we have encouragement in our life following Christ. We can be focused on others more than ourselves. Because we trust Jesus. We God will take care of us, so we can trust Him with everything else. And the best way to demonstrate this is serving others in the name of Jesus.

**Let's Pray. Father God, Thank You God for everything. Every experience, every person. I am thankful for everything. And help me not to worry but instead focus on you. Put you first in everything we do. I know you are with us when we face challenges and I will trust you, Lord.**

**I pray for each student, that they trust you, Lord. I pray they pray to you Lord to see you at work in our lives. Help us all to surrender to You and let you guide their paths and decisions. Help each of us to mold our hearts and desires to Yours Father. And I pray your will be done here on earth. I know you are at work in their lives. Help us to see you, Lord Jesus.**

**I pray this in your name, Lord Jesus Amen**

Let me leave you with this. I know each of our have a lot of things going on in your life. You have school issues, money issues, internet issues, family issues, issues with friends. We all have many things that need to get done. Many things we want to get done. There never seems to be enough time. What God wants is our obedience. He wants us to love others the way He loves them. Look for opportunities to practice this. Serve others in the name of Jesus. Let someone else get their way even if you don't completely agree.

Again, Students. Read your bible, Pray to Jesus often and about everything. Anytime during the day, just say "Lord thank for ....whatever" or "Lord, I need your help with ---- whatever"... Talk to God, Be a child of God.

I am so glad we have this time together. No matter what we face, I know our God is Bigger and Stronger than anything we will face in this life. So don't fear anything in this world. Our father God, Jesus is the king of this world and as such we should fear nothing. I Love you and I am proud of you. God's Blessings.

Until next time. I pray for Joy, Hope, Peace and Assurance from God for each of you. God bless.

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