

Editor's Note, December 2020

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In this issue, we again feature articles that were submitted as part of the scholarship essay contest. The two essay prompts for the articles were:

1. The fruit of the Spirit is "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance," Galatians 5:22,23. Why is it important to manifest this fruit in your personal walk as minister or Christian school teacher? How will you aim in your labors at the bringing forth of this fruit in students and parishioners? A good answer to this essay should view the fruit of the Spirit broadly rather than giving detailed explanations of each fruit.
2. In every classroom there is a child dealing with pain or difficulties. In every congregation there is a family living in turmoil and unrest. In John 21:15 Jesus gives the command to "feed my lambs". In Matthew 10:6 Jesus calls his disciples to go to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel". How will you feed the lambs of God, especially those in unique and difficult circumstances? How will you show mercy and kindness to those who carry such burdens?

May this issue serve not only to give us good, edifying material to read but also to remind us to lift up our prayers to God, that he will raise up and give us more teachers and pastors, for the need is urgent.

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