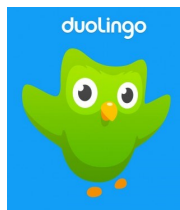




## “Learning Is For Always” by Dr. David Brock

### Education App Idea



I would highly recommend Duolingo as an easy supplement to any foreign language class. I have found that my students seem to truly enjoy learning when there is a sense of competition involved – even if it is just against themselves. This app allows students to review their foreign language skills while accumulating points, opening new levels, and even “buying” (points accumulate from review) special skills. As a teacher I have made use of the daily goal option to add an easy grade to their daily homework. The students are also able to “friend” each other and keep up with who is on what level (there’s that competition again!). The app allows the teacher to follow each individual’s progress as well. The format of each level has students reviewing their recognition of words, ability to write in the language, and even speaking.



When I went off to seminary to do my graduate work, my teachers often told us that we did not go to seminary to learn everything that we needed to learn for ministry, but rather we were in seminary so that we could learn how to learn on our own. They wanted to produce people with a passion for learning and continuing to grow. As I look back at my seminary days, I am thankful that I am not still the same person with the same knowledge as when I graduated. As educators who desire to have the maximum impact that we can have with our students, we must be always learning.

Proverbs 16:23 says, “The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.” The context of this verse compares and contrasts the wise man and fool in relationship to his gaining understanding and truth. The foolish man is the one who depends on his own self; whereas, the wise man is the one who seeks to learn truth. Wisdom demands that we not be satisfied with what we know and understand today, but that we be always learning.

Practically this leads to the question “How do we maintain a life that is always learning?” The answer to this question has both theological and practical implications.


Always learning demands humility. Proverbs 16 describes the person who is not learning as one who is going the way that seems right to himself (25) and leads to destruction (18, 19), but that wisdom is willing to listen and learn. Someone always learning must realize that he cannot base life upon himself, but he must humble himself recognizing that he has much

to learn. Educators can easily get the mindset that we “have arrived” and know our subject content; thus, we display an inflated view of ourselves. We must maintain humility.

Always learning demands that we go to the right source for truth. Verse 20 speaks of our need to trust God. His truth must be the foundation of our learning. One of my teachers used to say that everything that is logical is not Scriptural and everything that is Scriptural is not logical. He was recognizing that science was not the source of truth, but rather God Himself is the source of truth.

Always learning demands that I purposely learn. We must evaluate our lives: What am I doing today that helps me keep learning and growing in my life? We must place ourselves in a position to continuously be learning. Reading, listening, seeking to understand philosophy of ministry and education and how it is lived out, developing mentoring relationships—these are just a few things that we can do to create an atmosphere of learning in our life.

Always learning demands self-discipline. The fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5 includes the attribute of temperance—self-discipline—or as I like to call it, Spirit-discipline. Continually learning is hard for most of us and takes deliberate self-discipline. Ministry is tiring and there is so much to do. Often that which gets hit first is our time to keep learning; but if we want to live in wisdom, we must be always learning.

Let us ask ourselves this convicting question from Proverbs 16:23: “Do I have the heart of the wise?” Am I, today, always learning? 

## 2016-2017 Calendar of Events



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October 7	Deadline for GSACS membership for 2016-2017
November 1	Deadline to order IOWA Testing Material
December 2	Academic Testing Order Deadline
January 12-13 or 19-20	Academic Testing Days
February 3	Deadline to register for Fine Arts Competition
February 7-8	National LEAD Conference
February 27	Deadline to drop/add for Fine Arts Competition
March 2-3	Fine Arts Competition, Santa Maria, CA
March 20-April 28	Window for IOWA Testing
April 4-6	National Fine Arts Competition, Greenville, SC
April 7	Northern Elementary Competition, Stockton, CA

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## Legislative Corner – Press Release Information from Pacific Justice Institute and Save California.com

**SB1172:** “A federal court of appeals this morning upheld restrictions on what some pastors can say to minors struggling with their sexuality and gender. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco again upheld California’s controversial Senate Bill 1172. SB 1172 bars licensed counselors from assisting youth who want to change or reduce same-sex attractions. The law also prohibits counseling that would steer youth away from gender confusion.”

**Bathroom Mandate:** “A federal judge today hit the brakes on a controversial attempt by the Obama Administration to pressure schools nationwide to blur the lines between boys and girls. U.S. District Judge Reed O’Connor issued a preliminary injunction in favor of Texas and numerous other states challenging the policy. The ruling means that the federal government cannot withdraw funding from the states while the lawsuit moves forward because they resist the Administration’s reinterpretation of Title IX.”

**The long-term effects of SB 1146:** “Beyond the immediate impacts to Christian colleges, the State is laying a foundation to suppress even more religious exercise and other institutions. For instance, the State is attempting to tell these institutions that they may not define “moral conduct” to include homosexuality or transgender behavior, because the State has decided that these are not immoral. In a larger sense, the State is trying to confine religious belief to sitting in chapel—not living out one’s faith in real life. The State is, quite literally, seeking to order Christian institutions to “conform to the world” in contradiction of romans 12:2. And if the State succeeds in controlling Christian colleges, there is every reason to believe the next targets will be Christian K-12 schools and other non-profits. “

**AB1732:** As of September 29th, Gov. Jerry Brown orders *men, women, boys’, girls’* restroom signs be torn down. ... "AB 1732 tears down 'men' and 'women' signs and replace them with pro-transgender 'all gender' signs at single-occupancy restrooms," said Randy Thomasson, president of SaveCalifornia.com, which promotes moral virtues for the common good. "There's no exemption for home businesses or religious entities. This is a vast overreach that tramples average people's constitutional rights. And ironically, this bill incentivizes small businesses to go from two restrooms to one restroom."