

Topic: Character – Careful (2) (Fine) (Lesson 411)

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

Elementary:

Verse: "You are my hiding place; / You preserve me from trouble" (Psalm 32:7a).

Focus: A careful person is someone who makes the effort to do something correctly, safely, or without causing damage. We need to be careful when we are playing outside or when we are using certain objects.

Practical Application: A careful person does things properly and correctly. When coloring, a careful person will color within the lines and follow instructions. A careful person is also cautious. They are alert and attentive in watching for danger and avoiding it. For example, when crossing a street, a careful person will look both ways to make sure it is safe before crossing. A careful person will also use caution when handling certain objects such as cutting with scissors or pouring a glass of water.

Intermediate:

Verse: "Apply your heart to instruction, / And your ears to words of knowledge" (Proverbs 23:12).

Focus: A careful person is someone who makes the effort to do something correctly, safely, or without causing damage. A careful person pays close attention to details. We need to show care when working on a project or doing a job.

Practical Application: Before we turn in a school paper, we need to take the time to look over what we have written. We should check to make sure that our handwriting is neat, all the words are spelled correctly, and the sentences make sense. When we are asked to clean our room, we need to perform the task with much care and thoroughness. We should make our bed, fold our clothes, put our toys in their proper place, and arrange our desk. How does it look when we are done? A careful person always pays attention to details and shows thought in the things they do. They are not negligent or sloppy.

Advanced:

Verse: "Look therefore carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise" (Ephesians 5:15).

Focus: A careful person is someone who makes the effort to do something correctly, safely, or without causing damage. We need to exercise care when entrusted with things that are valuable to others.

Practical Application: If you are given the task of watching over your sibling at the park, how do you handle this? Do you follow them to make sure they are safe? Or do you continue playing your own game? If your friend loans you her favorite book or something she values, like a camera, how do you treat it? Do you read the book with care? Do you take care of the camera as if it were yours? Is the book/camera returned in the same condition? A careful person always takes care of the things entrusted to them by others.