

Evening Lesson

THE PARABLE OF THE PENCIL

James 1:2-5

INTRO:

1. Jesus regularly taught with parables.
2. He told us why. **Matt. 13:10-17**

I. THE PARABLE OF THE PENCIL.

- A. "There are five things you need to know," he told the pencil, "before I send you out in to the world. Always remember them and you will become the best pencil you can be."
1. You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.
 2. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you will need it to become a better a pencil.
 3. You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.
 4. The most important part of you will always be what is on the inside.
 5. Upon every surface, you must leave your mark.
You must continue to write.
- B. The pencil promised to remember.

II. THE APPLICATION.

- A. You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand and allow other people to access the many gifts you possess. **Eph. 2:10; Psalm 119:105; 1 Cor. 3:9-11**
- B. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time by going through various problems, but you will need it to become a better person. **James 1:2-8**
- C. You will be able to correct any mistakes you make.
Acts 2:38; James 4:8, 10; 1 John 1:9; Acts 8:22
- D. The most important part of you will always be what is on the inside. **Matt. 10:28; 16:24-26**
- E. On every surface you walk you must leave your mark. No matter what, you must continue to do your duty. **Col. 3:17; John 14:15; 1 John 5:3**