

## You are like a pencil

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### Introduction

1. 2 Corinthians 3:1-3
2. The pencil is a common object to all of us
3. There are some practical lessons that will help us.
4. Let us notice some of them today.

### II Discussion

1. This pencil is made for a purpose
  - a. God is a God of purpose Isaiah 14:24; 43:7; Romans 8:28; Ephesians 3:11
  - b. Christ was sent for a purpose 1 John 3:8
  - c. We are made for a purpose Isaiah 43:7; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 3:21
  - d. His purpose is made known through us Philippians 2:12-13
  - e. Yet we can defeat the purpose for which we are made because we are free moral agents Deuteronomy 11:26-29
2. A message can be written with a pencil
  - a. The pencil must have guidance Jeremiah 10:23; John 15:5
  - b. Directed properly the pencil can be useful Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 37:23; 73:24; 119:105; Isaiah 45:13; Proverbs 16:9; Acts 11:23; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 3:4-5
  - c. This can be a beautiful message. Matthew 5:13-16; Galatians 5:19-22; 1 Corinthians 13
  - d. This message can be ugly. Proverbs 20:19; 6:16-19; 26:20-22; 1 Timothy 5:13
3. The impression of the manufacturer of this pencil clearly displayed
  - a. Bear the name of who made it. Christ or the devil
  - b. We are made in His image Genesis 1:26; Ephesians 2:8-10
  - c. We are to wear His image 1 Peter 2:11; 4:11; Galatians 2:20
4. The value of the pencil is determined by the heart
  - a. Some pencils might be off center. Matthew 23:5; Romans 12:5
  - b. Sign on road, "Be careful what rut you get into- you will stay in it for 25 miles
  - c. We need to make sure we are on center Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 6:19-21; 12:34-35; 15:18-19
5. The pencil can erase errors
  - a. Need to say I have sinned
    - i. Can't have sin without I in the middle
    - ii. Can't have pride without I in the middle
    - iii. Erase one erase the other
  - b. Pride has no place in Christianity Proverbs 16:18; Matthew 23:12; 1 Peter 5:5-6; James 4:10

### III Conclusion

1. The next time you see or use a pencil think of these things

2. We can erase all errors from our lives by obeying the commands of God (not the 10 commandments)
3. Obey, done this but astray then come back now

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