

From the President's Desk

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The Delta Advantage #2

Good Reputation! – In 2006, well over 1/3 of our prospective students (38.8%) were referrals from former students, their friends or relatives and others in the community who recommended Delta.

Calendar – Delta, BR and BLC

Non-PN Day Start	Oct 1
BLC Out for COE Accreditation	Oct 8-11
Non-PN Night Start	Oct 15
PN Day Orientation	Oct 22
On-Site Advisory Board Meeting	Oct 24
PN Day Graduation	Oct 25

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Did you know... There are six campuses owned and operated by the owners of Delta College of Arts & Technology?

First there is Delta College of Arts & Technology in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, offering Practical Nurse, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Administration, Dental Assistant, Business Office Administration, and Graphic Design

Second, Delta, BR's branch campus in Lafayette, Louisiana offering Practical Nurse, Medical Assistant, and Medical Office Administration.

Third, Medical Training College in Baton Rouge offering Massage Therapy, Medical Assistant and Medical Office Specialist.

Fourth, Delta College in Covington, Louisiana offering Practical Nurse, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Specialist, Dental Assistant and Massage Therapy.

Fifth, Delta College – Slidell Branch Campus (a branch of Delta, Covington) in Slidell, Louisiana offering Practical Nurse, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Specialist, and Massage Therapy.

Sixth, Pensacola School of Massage Therapy & Health Careers in Pensacola, Florida offering Massage Therapy, Medical Assistant, and Medical Office Specialist.

The 10 Commandments - #3

"You shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain." Exodus 20:7.

Many believe that taking the Lord's name in vain is to use a reference to God in anger or as a curse word. Of course they are right, but is that all? What does "in vain" really mean?

Many religious leaders from the time of the birth of the nation of Israel through today are so afraid of using the Lord's name in vain that they do not even speak His name as revealed in the original language of Scripture for fear of violating the third commandment.

However, most often in today's society I hear references to God or Christ used as expressions of surprise, shock, horror, anger, etc., without thought. Would this be considered "in vain?" Let's look...

The Amplified Bible quotes this verse as follows: *"You shall not use or repeat the name of the Lord your God in vain [that is, lightly or frivolously, in false affirmations or profanely]; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."*

God's Word translation *"Never use the name of the LORD your God carelessly."*

A well-known biblical dictionary describes "in vain" as used here as emptiness, vanity, falsehood, nothingness, vanity, emptiness of speech, lying worthlessness (of conduct).

Therefore in keeping with the spirit of this commandment from God, when we use a reference to "the name of the Lord" it should be deliberate and with thought as to just who God is – the Creator "of the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them."

When we use "the name of the Lord" it should be with reverence and awe in light of God's holiness, majesty, power, and sovereignty. For after all, *"at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Philippians 2:10-11.