

## Essay 2009

The entry must be sent to the Event Coordinator, not to Registration, by **March 6, 2009**. The coordinator's address is on the NTLTC website ([www.ntltc.org](http://www.ntltc.org)). Submission may be sent electronically or through the mail.

**Purpose:** To develop written communication skills in conveying biblical ideas

### Process:

- Write an article with the content addressing the current year's LTC theme
- Mail three copies of **both the essay and the Preconvention Submission Form** to the Event Coordinator on or before March 6, 2009
- Or you may submit the entry electronically. Instructions on the NTLTC website

### Rules:

1. The essay length shall be 250 to 500 words.
2. The essay shall be typewritten, double-spaced. For students sixth grade or younger, handwritten work is admissible. It must be, in the minds of judges, legible and neatly presented.
3. The essay shall start with the title of the essay, followed by the text.
4. Copies of an oratory speech will not be accepted as an essay.
5. A **Preconvention Submission Form** shall be on the front of each entry.
6. There are five grade levels in this event: Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

### Awards:

Ratings and awards of gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention will be given according to the judging criteria listed.

### Judging Criteria:

- **Theme** - The essay will be rated on the use of the assigned theme.
- **Creativity** - The essay should blend your creativity with the ideas of the theme.
- **Spelling** - The essay will be rated on the proper use of the English language, word usage, and spelling.
- **Grammar** - The essay will be rated on its grammar, punctuation and structure as an essay.
- **Thesis Statement** - The current year's LTC theme must be clearly introduced in the beginning of the paper with the thesis statement.
- **Supporting Points** - The main idea should be supported by three to five points in the body of the article.
- **Conclusion** - The essay should be closed by a conclusion sustained by the previous materials.
- **Readability** - The essay will be rated on readability. This concerns relevance to today, correct use of paragraphs, pagination, absence of **typographical** errors, and the ability to hold a reader's interest.
- **Mood** - The overall mood of the writing will be rated. Proper use of humor, personal stories, and illustrations will be evaluated as to the theme. The theme, points, and conclusion should be enhanced by such usage. The work should clearly be seen as the writer's thoughts and expression rather than a collection of the thoughts of others.

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