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See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the desert and streams in the
wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19

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Advantages of Studying in the U.S.

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According to EducationUSA, approximately 43,000 Korean students are currently studying in the United States.²⁾ Although there are some formidable barriers students must overcome, the desire to study in the United States remains strong. Why do students aspire to study in the U.S.? This article explores the benefits of studying in the U.S. in terms of academics, environment, and opportunities.

One major advantage is the flexibility students have in choosing their majors. Even after enrolling in a university, they can often change their major. In addition, the United States has one of the highest concentrations of liberal arts colleges in the world. A liberal arts college is an institution that provides education in disciplines such as the social sciences, humanities, arts, and natural sciences.³⁾ An attractive feature of these institutions is that students do not focus solely on acquiring specialized skills or techniques; rather, they receive a broader and more comprehensive education. Furthermore, many U.S. universities allow students to enter with undecided majors. They can explore various fields through one to two years of general education courses before selecting their major.

Having discussed the academic advantages of studying in the United States, this article now examines the benefits in terms of the student environment. When students are asked why they want to study in the U.S., many cite its diverse culture and language environment. Understanding international relations, respecting cultural diversity, and possessing strong English proficiency—the global language—are essential qualities for global leaders. The United States is widely regarded as a multicultural nation, where students encounter a variety of social norms and lifestyles. For example, international students may experience direct feedback from professors and be expected to maintain strict time management.⁴⁾ In addition, since English is the primary language spoken in the country, the environment enables students to enhance their speaking and overall communication skills.

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Another advantage of studying in the United States is the wide range of career opportunities available. Programs such as OPT and CPT provide valuable professional experiences. OPT, or Optional Practical Training, allows F-1 visa holders to work temporarily in positions directly related to their major field of study.⁶⁾ The OPT period typically lasts 12 months, while students majoring in STEM fields may extend it up to 36 months. CPT, or Curricular Practical Training, provides temporary authorization for international students to gain work experience through internships that are integral to their academic programs.⁵⁾ In other words, students can gain practical experience while earning income during their studies.

In conclusion, studying in the United States offers significant advantages in terms of academic flexibility, a diverse learning environment, and meaningful career opportunities. While challenges such as cost, cultural adaptation, and visa requirements remain, the benefits continue to attract numerous students from around the world. For GVCS students, the U.S. education system remains a compelling choice for pursuing both personal growth and professional development.



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A Biblical Perspective in King's Warden

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The movie King's Warden has surpassed Along with the Gods: The Two Worlds, reaching 16.33 million viewers as of April 10th. Set in the Joseon Dynasty, the film depicts the life of its sixth monarch, King Danjong. He is widely regarded as one of the most tragic kings in Korean history. Crowned at the age of 12, he was deposed in a coup led by his uncle, Grand Prince Suyang. He was later exiled to the remote region of Cheongnyeongpo, where he was ultimately put to death.

Although King's Warden takes place in the Joseon Dynasty, its protagonist, Danjong, deeply resonates with the figure of Jesus Christ in the Bible. In the film, Danjong is portrayed as a suffering king and an innocent scapegoat. Just as Jesus descended to the lowest place to bear the suffering of humanity, Danjong—once the highest authority symbolizing Joseon's royal tradition—was exiled to a remote and desolate land. This dramatic fall in status intensifies the Messianic tragedy, depicting him as an innocent lamb who bears the consequences of others' greed and thirst for power. Furthermore, Danjong's submissive acceptance of his fate, foreshadowed in his visions of a tragic end, reflects the stoic obedience that Jesus Christ demonstrated as He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.

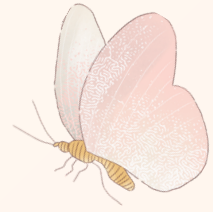
King's Warden is deeply connected to themes found in the Bible. The downfall of a righteous king and the attitudes of the surrounding characters echo biblical narratives. As a film open to diverse interpretations, it offers a profound connection to a biblical perspective. Its meaning may vary depending on each viewer's interpretation: some may regard King's Warden as merely a compelling historical drama, while those who are in Christ may discern parallels to the life and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

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Expression of the Month



2nd Week of April (4/6~4/12)



"You got this! " : 껌이지!~

"Midterm exam? No worries! You got this!"

3rd Week of April (4/13~4/19)

" Burning the midnight oil " : 밤 새서 공부/일

"Are you still awake?"

"I'm burning the midnight oil for tomorrow's test!"

4th Week of April (4/20~4/26)

"I'm rooting for you!" : 널 응원해!!

"Our team will win the soccer match in the Sports Festival—I'm rooting for you!"

1st Week of May (4/27~5/2)

"Up in the air" : 아직 미정이야..

"What are you doing after the exams?"

"Um.. it's still up in the air."



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Rules to remember

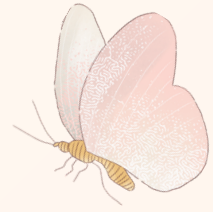


#1 What?

Speak in English!

Speak only in English!

Speak no Korean!



#2 When?

Speak in English ALL THE TIME!

(8:40~5:20)

#3 Where?

In Tyrannus!

Even in restrooms when you poop! (^^)

#4 Benefits & Warnings!

Benefits:

You will get stamps when you speak in English.

Warnings: You will get yellow stickers if you speak in Korean.

#5 New Event



You will be able to win snacks if you use this week's
Expression of the Week during Morning Uniform
Check.
