

**“Christian Education”**  
**“The Truth As We Know It”**  
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Today I want continue the thought on Christian education. I was taught in an Old Order Amish parochial school and Christian values were taught and enforced. I believe I received a good education even though it was a small one room school house where all grade levels were taught. But it was not until my own children were grown that I realized how important Christian education was in our day. Like most of us, I did not understand the predetermined strategy the leaders of the education in the US are on. They are determined to take God out of our culture because they believe that it is the convictions of the church that is creating the unrest in people's heart. That it is the Christian that is a threat to their agenda of free sex, homosexuality, abortion on demand, and the many other vices that they want to promote. They borrowed the philosophy of the Soviet Union where they taught that to change the culture, all you have to do is teach the next generation that there are no absolutes, we all evolved from a lower form of life, there is no God, no creator that we have to be accountable to. Sad to say, they have succeeded to a great extent.

Why do we as Christians wonder why our children often rebel against the church when we send them to Egypt for their training! We expect two hours of Sunday school and church weekly to sustain them when they spend six to eight hours a day with someone that is not allowed to reinforce our convictions even if they believe them!

Certainly many Christian parents are able to reinforce their Christian values to their children even though they have been in the public school system, but their children have to buck the trend.

Educating our children is our responsibility. I want to refer to the Great Commandment in Deuteronomy 6:3-7 where we read, "Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that flows with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And you shall love the LORD thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in your heart: And you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when thou sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up." I repeat, Educating our children is our responsibility.

For the first 200 years of American history nearly all the schools were sponsored by Christian churches. In the early 1900, 90% of all education in the US was Christian in nature. The Bible was the basis of the curriculum. Only 10% of schools were government sponsored. Even in Government schools, the Bible was on the teacher's desk. Prayer was part of a daily routine. The greatness of America can be traced to the strong Bible education they received in early American history. But as the church relinquished its responsibility to educate there children, the

state picked it up. Now it is reversed, it is 90% Government (Public) schools, only 10% or less are church sponsored Christian schools.

Typically the schools in early American history were Classical Christian schools. The instructors were usually ministers whose training was a combination of classical languages and literature and Protestant theology. In other words, they studied the Bible in its original Hebrew and Greek, as well as studying John Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion

The importance of the Bible in education can be seen in an ironically prophetic defense of the use of the Bible in public schools given by Benjamin Rush who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He became the most famous American physician and medical teacher of his generation. In 1786. Rush said: **“I do not mean to exclude books of history, poetry, or even fables from our schools. They may and should be read frequently by our young people, but if the Bible is made to give way to them altogether, I foresee that it will be read in a short time only in churches and in a few years will probably be found only in the offices of magistrates and in courts of justice.”**

We can readily see the fruit of what is happening to our nation. In Gal 6:7-8 we read, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit

shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." When they took God out of our schools, the devil and his imps filled the vacuum! First prayer, then the Bible, in particular the Ten Commandments, now they are pushing to have the words "under God," taken out of the pledge of allegiance. All in the mistaken concept of the "Separation of church and state." The fruits of a godless education are upon us! Violence in our public school! Police to guard the halls! Children having Children!

**Alexis de Tocqueville famously said, "America is great, because America is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."**

After studying what was happening to our public school system nation wide, with prayers and Bible reading being taken out of our schools and all kinds of violence becoming common, I knew we had to do something to help the people in our community. So after a lot of research and preparation we knew we had to start a Christian school. So in 1989, we at The Church of God, Tabernacle of Faith started our own Christian School called Piedmont Christian Academy in Piedmont, SC. so that we could teach our children the Christian values that we all hold dear. We have seen many of our graduates go on to serve God as productive citizens in all areas of service. Several of them have served in the military, several nurses, or computer programmers, or marketing experts. Several of them are ministers of the Gospel.

The Christian school is intended to be an extension of the parents in their teaching of the Bible and Christian values. We are to help fulfill the command to teach the next generation and prepare them for life. In Psa 78:4-6 we read,

"We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about His power and His mighty wonders. For He issued His laws to Jacob; He gave His instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children."

Certainly it is expensive to send your children to a private Christian school, but the cost is the best investment we can make. The future of our children and Grand-children and generations yet unborn is at stake. Our children's future in all areas of their lives will be better for it. We, at Piedmont Christian Academy do our best to keep the costs as low as our circumstances allow so that the average parents can afford it.

I have had the privilege to be involved in many areas of ministry over the years, including missionary work in foreign nations, as well as serving as pastor and Bishop in The Church of God, but far and away the most rewarding ministry I have had the privilege to do is the Christian school. To see the difference it has made in the lives of the families involved is truly rewarding.

There is a little song that expresses very well the benefits of a Christian education.

**“Christian Education doesn’t cost, it pays;  
Pays eternal dividends in so many ways,  
Give a Christian education, surely you will find  
Rewards for investment in a Godly mind.”**

Listen again next week.

This we do know, The Bible is God's Word, God's word is true, Jesus Christ is God's son, Jesus died to save us from our sin, Without Jesus we are eternally lost. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we might be saved. Atheism is a temporary condition, for every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Jesus stands ready to save you now, Will you call on Him today?

Until next week, God bless.