

TOP TEN REASONS FOR A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 1. CHILDREN BELONG TO GOD:** *“Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from Him.” (Psalm 127:3)* While children are God’s possession, He entrusts their care to parents. As guardians of God’s gift, we carry a great responsibility.
- 2. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING OF THEIR CHILDREN:** *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)* *“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” (Deuteronomy 11:18, 19)* A child’s training is the responsibility of parents, from potty training through adulthood. Parents are also responsible for the training experience that they delegate to any other group (school, church, etc.)
- 3. THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IS TO INCLUDE BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION:** *“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)* The importance of sharing and implementing Biblical principles in the life of your children is mandated.
- 4. BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES ON TIME, SEASON, OR LOCATION.** *(Deuteronomy 6:6-9)* In this passage, not only are parents to know the words of God, but also to make sure that their children are instructed when they are out of the home, when they are going to bed, and when they are going out.
- 5. THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION IS TO TRAIN CHILDREN TO RESPOND TO THE DISCIPLINE AND AUTHORITY OF GOD’S WORD AND PREPARE THEM TO SERVE HIM.** *(Psalm 78:4-8)* A whole generation of Israelites perished in the wilderness because they failed to love and serve the Lord. God’s direction and blessing are conditional upon His people knowing and obeying His will.
- 6. A CHILD WITHOUT CORRECTION WILL TEND TOWARD REBELLION.** *“The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.” (Proverbs 29:15)* Permissiveness in the education of a child, whether it be at home or at school, will breed disrespect and contempt as well as seriously hinder the learning process.
- 7. “. . . I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.” (Romans 16:19)** God did not intend for young lives to have to daily be confronted with the tremendous peer pressure of sin. While a Christian school doesn’t eliminate sin, it makes it easier to do right.
- 8. CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS SUPPORT THE AUTHORITY OF THE HOME:** *(Ephesians 6:1, 2)*. The children are taught the importance of the home and the position of authority that God has given the husband and wife. The importance of obedience is stressed as well as its benefits. The tragic results of disobedience are also told.
- 9. “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Psalm 14:1).** At very best, to leave God out of the education of a child is foolish. Christian education strives to place God in His place as the center of all history, the Author of all math relationships, the Maker and Sustainer of all creation, as well as the God who created us to communicate with Him.
- 10. IN A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, CHRISTIAN TEACHERS CAN MINISTER TO THE WHOLE NEED OF THE STUDENT (Luke 2:52).** Just as Christ matured perfectly, physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually, our goal is to develop all of these important areas in the life of the child. The Holy Spirit is active in meeting the needs of the student because the teachers can pray with the student and study the scriptures with them.

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