

# Biblical Reasons for Sending Children to a Christian School



## 1. All of a child's education should be Bible-centered and God-centered.

*"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"*

*(Ephesians 6:4)*

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)*

Parents who say "church and home are enough Christian training" probably haven't realized the tremendous influence school has on all of life. Church training receives 3-5 hours per week, whereas school training receives 30 to 40 hours per week, nearly 10 times as much as church. All of their education, all of their training, should be "of the Lord."

## 2. Peer influence should be positive and Christ-like.

*"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm (Proverbs 13:20)*

A Christian school is not a guarantee for well-behaved children. Nor does it necessarily solve all of the parenting challenges we face. What it can and does do, is welcome and invite the presence of God into our lives and our children's lives to a greater degree, and that is what ultimately changes lives.

## 3. Every teacher's pattern of life should be worthy of imitation.

*"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40)*

At a Christian school, every teacher is a born-again, committed believer seeking to model Christ before their students. Students are encouraged by their teachers to grow in their relationship with their Creator, look at things through an eternal perspective, and be equipped to discern and discover God's will for their lives.

## 4. Only God-centered education gives true wisdom.

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10)*

*"... in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3)*

God expects children to be taught the truth in every subject. When God is excluded from the classroom, we are not merely remaining silent about God. We are teaching children that they may safely disregard Him. At a Christian school, students are taught a Christian world view, looking at everything through the grid of scripture.

## 5. Christian schooling is the best hope for transforming society.

*"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:13-14)*

School is where we learn how to *think*. It's where we learn how to *work* and *relate to others* and *influence the world*. But if that whole process excludes God's own viewpoint in Scripture for 12 years (6 hours a day, 5 days a week) our Christian witness grows accustomed to being mute. How much salt and light can *untrained, silent* Christians be?

## Is it time for you to give your child a Christian education?