

Parent Preparations

Lamentations 1:16

For these [things] I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

God requires that children be returned to Him as His possession and property.

Psalms 127

[[A Song of degrees for Solomon.]] Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh [but] in vain. [It is] vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: [for] so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children [are] an heritage of the LORD: [and] the fruit of the womb [is his] reward. As arrows [are] in the hand of a mighty man; so [are] children of the youth. Happy [is] the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

heritage -nachalah - property of, possession, heirloom, something to be received from the care of another, something to acquired.

Marriage is specifically ordained by God to bring forth specific results.

Malachi 2:14-15

Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet [is] she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

The family is designed by God and the parents must seek God's order for

the children to be raised God's way. The head of the man is to be Jesus Christ, and the head of the woman is to be the husband. This is not domineering, but in leadership, provision, and training children in God's Word and way.

Proverbs 23:22-26

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Buy the truth, and sell [it] not; [also] wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise [child] shall have joy of him.

Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice. My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

Proverbs 20:7

The righteous lead with the idea of wholeness or completeness: their children that follow after them are blessed and happy.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (Other Deuteronomy 11:19)

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Psalms 34:11

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Parents are called to come together to teach and educate their children in the ways of the Lord.

Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary defines education as:

*The bringing up, as of a child, instruction, formation of manners.
Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline, which is*

intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, forming manners and habits of youth, that fit them for usefulness in future stations. To give children a good education in manners, arts and science is important; to give them a religious education is indispensable; and an immense responsibility rests on the parents and guardians who neglect these duties.

Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary defines learn as:

To gain knowledge of; to acquire knowledge and ideas of something before unknown.

We learn in four ways to gain complete understanding.

1. instruction 2. study 3. observation 4. experience

It is much easier to learn what is right, than to unlearn what is wrong.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Ephesians 6:2-4

Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

nurture -paideia- instruction that increases virtue, instruction of the mind, morals, teaching to obey commands, correcting mistakes, curbing passions, and correcting and chastening teaching that evil and hurt comes to men when they do wrong.

admonition -nouthesia - call attention to gain understanding, learning to yield and kneel down through only mild rebuke and warning.

Colossians 3:20-21

Children, obey [your] parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children [to anger], lest they be discouraged.

provoke -erethizō- a prolonged form of irritation, stimulation for contentions sake, to keep something going with no purpose or training.

discouraged -athymeō- to dishearten, dispirited, broken is spirit to the point of not finding success or the way. To be under constant anger.

Parent Preparation Part 2

The truth is that our children are not being taught the Truth of God, the father and the home have been replaced by a socialistic state that propogate a system that harms God's plans for humanity.

“Meeting with a group of christians in Austin, Texas on May 19, 1986, attorney general James Mattox revealed his true colors when asked, Is it true that the state of Texas owns your children? Mattox retorted, Yes it is true ..., not only your children but you too.”

John Swett served as California's superintendent of public instruction from 1863 -1868, in 1864 he published the first biennial report from his office. He sited favorably several judicial decisions in the eastern states. Among them was this. “Parents have no remedy against the teacher- as a general thing, the only persons who have legal right to give orders to the teacher, are his employers - namely the committee in some states, and in others the director for trustees. If the employer approves of the teachers conduct, the parents have no remedy against the teacher or the employer.

On March 28, 1874 the California legislature made it a penal offense for parents to send their children to private schools without the consent of the local state school trustees.

Children are not Ceasars. they are God's. Given to parents to educate, and train according to Scripture.

Daniel 1:3 - 7

And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he

should bring [certain] of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; Children in whom [was] no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as [had] ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel [the name] of Beltshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

Colossians 2:6-8

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, [so] walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

The problem with turning over your children to just be taught by a socialistic government system is that people and our children have been indoctrinated with a completely wrong world view without even knowing it. All teaching involves either indoctrination of man, or indoctrination of God. All teaching must try to stand on a world view to answer basic questions.

The ontological question: Who am I? Two choices

Either a supernatural God made me or I am a product of impersonal natural forces

The epistemological question: How do I know? Three choices

Either God reveals Himself and knowledge to man, man's mind or reason leads him to all truth, or man knows because of his intuition.

The axiological question: What is of ultimate value? Three choices

If you are a theist then God is of ultimate value, if you are a humanist, man is of ultimate value, if you a materialist, nature and things are of ultimate value

The teleological question: Where am I going? Two choices

Theists believe God has a plan for man and He is establishing His kingdom. The alternative is to believe the earth is all there is, and ultimately man is going nowhere

All educators, whether in government, school, home, church or other settings, have answered eight basic questions in their worldview. By design or default they pass their beliefs onto their students. Though there are different renditions of these eight questions all basically have the same foundation.

1. How did man come into being?

We are a creation of God or a product of evolution.

1. What is man's destiny?

We have purpose and destiny as God's creation or we have no destiny only existence, being a product of random forces

1. What is the nature of law?

God is the lawmaker and human laws should reflect God's law, or law is solely the product of man, and it is evolving.

1. Where is history going?

History is His story, the story of God's mighty hand as He moves in history to correct evil man and vindicate the righteous, or history is interpreted in an evolutionary, Marxist, Existential, or some other non-Christian manner.

1. How is government to be structured?

Government is either structured according to Biblical principles or non-Biblical ones, resulting in Communism, Fascism, Democracy, or Monarchy.

1. How is private property to be handled?

Individual, private ownership of property and free exchange of your property with others without coercion from government, versus government control of private property.

1. Who ultimately owns the children?

Either God owns the children and gives them to parents to steward, or children are owned by the state.

1. What is man's basic nature and how can he best be controlled?

Either man practices Christian self-government under God's government or is controlled by external forces, such as civil government.

Christian parents who want their child(ren) to embrace a Biblical worldview, "bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ", must ensure that their teacher is teaching from that perspective, because, "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained, will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40).

There are other secondary questions that are dealt with by educators (and taught via TV programming, the internet, music lyrics, literature, and friends), questions that are not “values neutral” but questions on which the Bible speaks directly or in principle. Here are a few of them:

1. What is man’s nature? Is he the highest evolved “animal” or a spiritual being?
2. How did this universe come into being and what sustains it?
3. Are there absolutes, or is everything relative?
4. What is the purpose of music? Are there standards for judging music as acceptable or unacceptable?
5. Who does our body belong to? Are there guidelines to take care of it?
6. Are there any guidelines for the sexual aspect of our lives?
7. What happens after death? Is suicide or assisted suicide OK?
8. What reading material is best for us? How should entertainment choices be made?
9. Should government control the economic system or should people be free to buy and sell, free from government controls?
10. What is the source of wealth? How should it be obtained and used?
11. Should government redistribute all wealth to achieve equality?
12. How is man best governed?
13. What law structures should govern men and nations?

Without the church teaching the parents and the children Truth from God’s Word the people of our nation become ignorant and the secular humanist takes control of our children and introduces its own education and world view.

Christian parents must understand that all of the false thoughts and indoctrinations of the world must be resisted by our household submitting to God’s plan.

2 Corinthians 10:5

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Luke 6:40

The disciple is not above his teacher: but every one that is perfect trained, will be like his teacher.

In our day and cultural humanism is overwhelmingly dominant in entertainment, music, secular education, government, and our surroundings. Here are seven lies in humanism that are taught or assumed as truth:

God does not exist or is irrelevant

Man evolved and is evolving

Man is god

Man is good

Ethics are situational

Man saves himself

There is no hope

Isaiah 54:13

And all thy children [shall be] taught of the LORD; and great [shall be] the peace of thy children.

Proverbs 19:27

Cease, my son, to hear the instruction [that causeth] to err from the words of knowledge.

Jeremiah 10:2

Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

Proverbs 13:20

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Psalms 14:1

The fool hath said in his heart, [There is] no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, [there is] none that doeth good.

Charles Francis Potter Humanism: A New Religion

Potter was a baptist minister for eleven years and then a unitarian minister for another eleven. He started pushing humanism and started the first Humanist church on September 29, 1929. In his book he proclaims that humanistic beliefs are a religion and continues to say "So very humanistic is modern education that no religion has a future unless it be Humanism." The man made responsible by Potter for introducing humanism to modern education is John Dewey. Potter proclaims "Every American public school is now a school of humanism." In fact, Potter asks "What can the theistic Sunday schools, meeting for one hour once a week. and teaching only a small fraction of the children do to stem the tide of a five day program of humanistic teaching?"

The Bible must be the central text for teaching our children. The family must teach and practice Christianity in the home. The parents must be on guard against influences and false teaching.

Proverbs 6:20-23

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, [and] tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and [when] thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

For the commandment [is] a lamp; and the law [is] light; and reproofs of instruction [are] the way of life:

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned [them];

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Correction of children should never start with physical discipline. We must follow God's system of education listed in Titus.

Titus 2:15

These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

After these three process then corporal punishment to the backside, but never in anger, rather in complete control knowing that this is the final step of discipline applied that represents the pain that sin causes.

Proverbs 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness [is] bound in the heart of a child; [but] the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Proverbs 23:13 Withhold not correction from the child: for [if] thou correct him with the rod, he shall not die.

Proverbs 23:14 Thou shalt chasten him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

If we do not follow the Word of God it will not go well with our families. It is truly a fight right now in our nation because parents have turned over their responsibility of teaching to the television, video games, entertainment, public education, and false teachers. Church overseers are lacking Truth, and Christians fail to see the need of Church.

Isaiah 3:11-12

Woe unto the wicked! [it shall be] ill [with him]: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

[As for] my people, children [are] their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause [thee] to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

Raising Godly Children in Today's World: Questions

The ontological question: Who am I?

The epistemological question: How do I know?

The axiological question: What is of ultimate value?

The teleological question: Where am I going?

Other questions to be considered.

1. What is man's nature or state of being?
2. How did this universe come into being and what sustains it?
3. Are there absolutes, or is everything relative?
4. What is the purpose of music? Are there standards for judging music as acceptable or unacceptable?
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