

Christian Homeschooling

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The United States has had shootings in schools, shootings in churches, shootings in post offices and workplaces. There are more terrible horrible crimes than we can remember. Any given marriage and family has only about an even chance of lasting. For the first time in the country's history, single households now outnumber married households. About a third of all children born in the US are born outside of marriage.

America is a changed country.

Of those people born before 1946, 2 of every 3 are evangelical Christian. Of those born between 46 and 64, 1 in 3 is a Christian. Of those born after 64, 1 in 7 is. And this trend is projected into the future in the soon coming years to be 1 in 25.

What brought about this change?

Abraham Lincoln said, "The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next. "

An educational system shapes a nation. Media also shapes a nation, but those who make the media were themselves shaped by the educational system. America is a changed country. America is what its schools have made it.

The Ten Commandments from Ex 20, World English Bible:

1. You shall have no other gods before me...
2. You shall not make for yourselves an idol...
3. You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain...
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...
5. Honor your father and your mother...
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet...

The first four commandments tell man how to love God.

The last five commandments tell man how to love man.

The fifth commandment in the middle between God and man is about parents, because it is through parents that man is to learn about God.

When Satan destroys the family, he cuts off the channel where children learn about God.

Satan uses three systems to destroy the family:

1. Economic system.

The economic system entices people to spend more time making money and less time seeking God. In a country which has more than any society in history, there is a strong pressure to spend your time getting more.

Americans live in what James Dobson calls “routine panic.” Dad works for one corporation, Mom works for another corporation, the kids are away at school all day, and at night they are at activities or working at McDonald’s. The family has little time together, and that time is “tired time.” Full time mothers are now ridiculed as being old fashioned and unproductive. Parents have accepted scant “quality time” with their children instead of a quantity of time. A third to a half of these families who are seldom together will stop being families altogether, as they are destroyed by divorce.

2. Media system.

Most of the media constantly promotes a message of Godlessness. Music, television and movies continually teach fornication, adultery, violence, more recently sodomy, and now increasingly, direct Satanism with the occult. Constant exposure to this sin leads people to sin, destroying their lives and families.

Even most Christians spend far more time absorbing these messages from Satan’s media than they do absorbing God from His media of Bible study, prayer, meditation and fasting.

3. Educational system.

Over the last two generations, the American government school system has been taken over by the anti-Christian socialists. The people did not choose this. This was decreed by judges. The people have accepted it.

In 1925 the ACLU attacked a Tennessee law forbidding the teaching of evolution in its public schools. They and the media used the Scopes trial to ridicule the Bible. This encouraged the widespread teaching of evolution in public schools throughout the nation.

After evolution was allowed in the government schools, in 1963 the US Supreme Court ruled that schools could not conduct formal

prayers or Bible reading. Then in 1987 the US Supreme Court ruled that creation could not be taught in the public schools.

Now the government schools are openly anti-Christian, purposely teaching "morals" which directly contradict the teachings of the Bible. They are deliberately targeting and harassing any in the schools who will not accept their teaching of free sex and homosexuality as good.

The non-Christian institutions of higher learning are even more Godless than the secondary schools. Universities are among the most immoral places in the nation.

The basic concept of government schools is bad.

The US Constitution guarantees freedom of the press. If the government controlled the press, it would control the thinking of the people. Tax supported newspapers are not allowed.

The US Constitution guarantees freedom of religion. If government controls religion, then they control the thinking of the people. Tax supported churches are not allowed.

Government controlled schools do the same thing. They control the thinking of the people. A tax supported government monopoly on education is one of the most dangerous tools a government can have.

God never said for a government to teach its children. Look at what God does say.

Deu 4:9-10

(9) Only take heed to yourself, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes saw, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your children and your children's children;
(10) the day that you stood before Yahweh your God in Horeb, when Yahweh said to me, Assemble me the people, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.

Gen 18:19

(19) For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Yahweh, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Yahweh may bring on Abraham that which he has spoken of him."

Exo 13:14

(14) It shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall tell him, 'By strength of hand Yahweh brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage;

Psa 78:1-7

- (1) Hear my teaching, my people. Turn your ears to the words of my mouth.
- (2) I will open my mouth in a parable. I will utter dark sayings of old,
- (3) Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.
- (4) We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of Yahweh, his strength, and his wondrous works that he has done.
- (5) For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a teaching in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children;
- (6) that the generation to come might know, even the children who should be born; who should arise and tell their children,
- (7) that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments,

Eph 6:1-4

- (1) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- (2) "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise:
- (3) "that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth."
- (4) You fathers, don't provoke your children to wrath, but nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The very concept of government teaching children is a Godless principle. Socialist government schools were used by Stalin and Mao Tse Tung in guiding their communist/socialist nations away from God.

Giving government the responsibility for teaching a nation's children is socialism. Socialism is Godless and inefficient.

Milt Friedman – Nobel prize winning economist said,
“The public schools don't work because socialism doesn't work.”

Some say they send their kids to the government public schools because they want a quality education. That's like saying you want to live in a government public housing project because you want a high quality of life.

It's the same exact principle. Lyndon Johnson's Great Society expensive government housing projects became some of the worst ghettos in the world. The expensive socialist public schools give a ghetto education. They are the very bottom by any measure, test scores, socialization, or character -- except for cost.

Socialism does not work, whether in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics or in the US public schools. Homeschool students score an average of 30 percentile points higher on standardized tests. In international comparisons, US public

school students in fourth grade score at the 92nd percentile in science and the 58th percentile in math. By twelfth grade they score at the 29th percentile in science and 14th percentile in math when compared with international students. This comparison is far worse when compared with private and homeschool students.

UPS came into the package shipping business and showed the government postal service how to do it. Christian charity programs are far more efficient at helping people than government welfare programs. And private Christian education towers above government education. Socialism does not work.

Godless socialist schools ultimately make a Godless, socialist nation.

Socialism is government control of private lives. The public schools are a government socialist monopoly. A nation which is educated in this Godless socialist system ultimately will tend to favor Godless socialism in all government.

John Dewey, the founder of public education in America, said, “You can’t make Socialists out of individualists – children who know how to think for themselves spoil the harmony of the collective society which is coming, where everyone is interdependent.”

Lenin, one of the founders of Communism in Russia, said, “Give me your four year olds, and in a generation I will build a Socialist state.”

Hitler said, “Let me control the textbooks and I will control the state.”

Godless socialism creates evil by teaching against God’s laws of right and wrong. Then socialism expands its control, to fight the evil which it itself created. Crime illustrates this point. Liberals are soft on crime, thereby increasing it. Then they increase government controls to fight the crime which they have created.

Each child who attends public schools lets the left wing collect about \$10,000 a year in education tax revenue. That’s about a thousand dollars a month per student. That’s about eight to ten dollars per hour per student, making the US public schools one of the most expensive school systems in the world.

Most Christians still support the government schools. If the Christians did not do this, the ability of the socialist left wing to destroy morals, families, lives and our nation would be greatly hindered. It is only because of Christian support of the anti-Christian schools that the liberal socialists have the power they do in our society today.

Supporting the government schools allows the government to expand this control. Christian schools and the Christian homeschoolers are always under attack from the left wing because their children are not under their control.

It cannot be overstated that the left is using the public schools, which they control, as a power base to force their beliefs and practices right into the homes of America's Christians. The more liberal states are strongly moving toward requiring the teaching of homosexuality in the public schools. They are also making the first moves toward requiring the same teaching in private Christian schools. The next step after that is requiring all parents to teach that in their homes. They will say this is a civil rights matter, overruling any religious teachings.

The left is now teaching homosexuality in the public schools. They are using that as a base for moving right into the homes, taking over more and more control of the children. Now there are pre-school programs where government employees go into the homes and tell the parents how to raise their children.

The government is taking over the parents' authority.

Pro 6:20-23

(20) My son, keep your father's commandment, and don't forsake your mother's teaching.

(21) Bind them continually on your heart. Tie them around your neck.

(22) When you walk, it will lead you. When you sleep, it will watch over you. When you awake, it will talk with you.

(23) For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light...

Today government school systems tell students to forget their parents' teaching.

Courts have repeatedly ruled that once a parent places his child in a government school, the parent is no longer in charge of that child. As long ago as 1987 some children were expelled from a Tennessee school because they would not read assigned books which were religiously objectionable to them. The central issue in the case was: Do parents and children who have sincere religious objections to public school curriculum have the right to alternative instruction for the objectionable material? The Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that parents had no such right. The US Supreme Court would not review that case, and so let that ruling stand.

More recently an appeals court ruled that a Connecticut parent had no right to have his child excused from a mandatory "health education" class. Another parent removed his child from a "Health and Family Life" course and the school gave him a F. The parent sued and the court ruled that the parent had no right to take the child out of the course. Another court ruled that a parent could not take his child out of a mandatory school assembly which put forth explicit sexual material.

If this theft of parental control is not stopped, it will move from the government schools into the homes of all American families. Some think that "It Takes A Village" to raise a child.

The extreme violence in the US with multiple mass murders is the natural result of a nation which has been shaped by perverse media and Godless schools. Education shapes a nation. That's what education does. It teaches people how to think and what to think.

Comparing public school problems in 1940 and recently, as reported by teachers.

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Today

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| 1. talking out of turn | drug abuse |
| 2. chewing gum | alcohol abuse |
| 3. making noise | pregnancy |
| 4. running in the halls | suicide |
| 5. getting out of line | rape |

About a fifth of public school students even express a fear of going into the bathroom in their schools.

This same trend toward violence has taken place in the whole country. The country has gone from having problems like “getting out of line” and “chewing gum” to multiple murders. This has been brought about by the media and the education system. The sick tree has borne its rotten fruit.

Attending US public schools gives an inferior education, exposure to moral depravity, and it's dangerous. All sides agree that the public schools are bad. Elite white liberals, inner city blacks, and conservative Christians all agree that the public schools are failing their students. Liberals say that their schools need more money. More and more Christians are saying that we need a completely different kind of education.

When God was kicked out of the schools, the Christian homeschool movement kicked in.

Christian homeschooling families seek to pull back from all these systems of family destruction, economic, media and educational. They commit to spend less time keeping up with the Joneses and more time keeping up with Jesus. They refrain from filthy media, which is popularized in the public school culture. And instead of an anti-Christian education, they follow a Christ centered education.

The 80/80 result –

Research has indicated that 80% of children from Christian families who attend the anti-Christian government schools will not be Christians as adults.

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Deu 6:6-7

(6) These words, which I command you this day, shall be on your heart;
(7) and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deu 11:18-22

(18) Therefore you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul; and you shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for symbols between your eyes.

(19) You shall teach them to your children, talking of them, when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

(20) You shall write them on the door posts of your house, and on your gates;

(21) that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth.

(22) For if you shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you, to do it, to love Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave to him;

There is no part of life where God is to be excluded. A parent is to teach God's ways to his children when he sits in the house, when he walks outside by the way, when he lies down and when he rises up. God is never to be excluded from any part of the lives of His people. There should never be a time when children are not allowed to be taught about God, and certainly never a time when children are given teaching against God.

The first commandment says not to have any other gods. When Eve sinned, she put what someone else said in front of what Yahweh said. That broke the first commandment.

When a school excludes the God of the Bible from their teaching then that is putting someone else in front of God. Putting God second breaks the first commandment.

Christian homeschooling is a fulfilling of the first commandment. In a Christian homeschool, God comes first and is never excluded.

In a Christian homeschool, the parent is closely involved in all aspects of his child's education. This is personal private tutoring, with love. This is the highest teaching method.

In a public school graduation, the institution awards its accolades on the student while the parent watches from the audience, and God is not allowed in the building. In a Christian homeschool graduation, the parents award their accolades on their child, the children give love and thanks to the parents, and Christ is the central focus of everything.

Mal 4:5-6

(5) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes.

(6) He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

This modern society, with its economic, media and educational systems, turns the hearts of the parents and children away from each other. Christian home schooling turns the hearts of the parents and children to each other.

What about Christian public schools?

There are still some schools in rural areas which start their day with prayer and perhaps a Bible reading. Most of the teachers may be conservative Christians, members of local churches. Since all the rural folks there agree with that practice of praying to God, no one challenges it. The ACLU can't be everywhere, can they?

Therefore some Christian parents still support the public schools because their particular school isn't as bad as some. Of course, it is commendable that these rural schools have not followed the same path as most other school districts. Actually, most Christian parents who support the public schools think that their school is *the* one good one.

However, even in the least worst schools the institutional school system does not lead to the most Godly teaching. Even if the teachers try to base the education on God, to whatever limited degree, the institutional setting limits any effort to set a Godly standard.

Consider this –

There is a huge drug problem in the public schools, including almost all rural areas. Some studies have shown that it is easier to obtain drugs at school than it is on the urban streets.

How does this happen?

Do the public school teachers teach the students in their classes that they should take meth or marijuana?

No.

In fact they teach their students over and over that they should not take drugs. A huge public campaign has been waged for several years against drugs – Just Say No To Drugs.

But the students have said No to this campaign. It has hardly affected the rate of drug use among youth.

What is happening here?

The teachers ardently teach against drugs, yet their schools are a marketplace for illegal substances and a marketing ground for recruiting new customers.

Much learning in the government schools takes place outside the classroom in the public school culture. The culture is set by peer pressure, which means that the students themselves control this learning, as they learn it from the media. The students are taught to be cool. That means following the culture of the world, self exaltation and self indulgence.

The most important thing that young people learn is not math, reading, writing, science, history or geography. The most important thing that they can learn is to fear God and keep His commandments. Everything else pales by comparison. Public school culture always teaches the opposite of that. Public school culture never teaches to fear God and keep His commandments.

We live in a degenerate culture, which is rapidly sinking in morals and character. Today Christians are surrounded by the promotion of sin and perversity, through the media of television, movies, music and the internet. Surveys have indicated that half of all Christian men who are diligent enough to attend church have a problem with internet pornography. A clothing company markets its fashions to young people with a catalog that is itself bordering on pornography. It is a tremendous spiritual battle not to be swept along with Satan in this tsunami of sin. Only the most diligent God seekers can swim upstream against this swell, and then only with His help.

Only with great effort and the help of God Himself can an educational system overcome this culture. The public schools of all sizes and in all locations promote this culture. The schools are full of drugs. At this writing a local school had 18 junior high girls get pregnant this past year. Eighth graders! Bullying and fights are normal.

Christian homeschooling can battle this culture of the world better than any other educational system. Drugs, pregnancies and bullying are not prevailing problems among Christian homeschooled youth. If you tell them to Just Say No to Drugs, they may wonder what planet you're from.

The deepest learning is in the heart.

Institutional education is set for the masses and not for the individual. They can run large numbers of students on buses and through classes but they cannot relate personally to each and every student. They can issue knowledge on a factory basis but the government institution cannot love any student.

To adequately teach a young person, you must reach his heart.

The government institutional schools were set up on a factory basis, based on what Henry Ford did with cars. In high schools, students were shipped along on an assembly line from class to class, teacher to teacher, with each teacher inserting a new part into this educational product. But people are not products – people are people. You don't crank them like a Model T to get them started. You motivate them. You don't fill up their tank with gas to get them going. You show them principles of life. You don't change their oil when they develop a motor knock. You give them personal love and attention.

To teach young people, you must lavish time on them, give them individual attention, and construct a concrete relationship with them. You must love them.

Government schools are not in that game.

Socialist institutions control the masses at the expense of the individual. Christian homeschooling focuses on the individual. Each individual.

Ecc 8:11

(11) Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

If you wish your child not to be fully set to do evil, then you must reverse this verse. You must execute sentence against an evil work speedily. That means you must be there to notice when evil occurs, and you must be involved enough to step in and speak out and stand up against the evil that your child is drawn to. This is personal attention.

Furthermore --

Isa 30:19-21

(19) For the people will dwell in Zion at Jerusalem. You will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When he hears you, he will answer you.

(20) Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers won't be hidden anymore, but your eyes will see your teachers;

(21) and when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way. Walk in it."

In the most effective teaching the teachers must not be hidden. When the students are at play, the teachers must not be far away, noticing actions, words, and attitudes. Then when a student begins to wander, when he leaves the center and turns to the right hand or to the left hand, his loving teacher speaks closely in his ear: "Whoa, dude. This is the way. Walk in it."

Homeschooling is the only teaching method which can do this. Christian homeschooling teaches the 3 R's better than any other method. Christian

homeschooling eliminates the perverse culture better than any other method.
Christian homeschooling reaches the hearts better than any other method.

Christian homeschooling is a family restoration movement. It is where children learn how to be loved. It is where parents learn how to love.

Objections to Christian homeschooling:

1. Quality of education.
Homeschoolers have the highest college entrance and standardized test scores. Private schools are next, public schools are last. The most elite colleges in the country now actively recruit homeschoolers as being superior students. Homeschoolers, though greatly outnumbered, always place several students in the top ten in national spelling and geography contests, and have won several.
2. Socialization.
Public school socialization inevitably involves sex, drugs, violence and profane language, and immense downward peer pressure. Christian homeschool socializing does not depend on cliques and gangs. It involves family, sibling best friends, Christian youth activities, and adults. Christian homeschool graduates have developed into the most well adjusted adults, more likely to be involved in leadership positions in their churches and communities. They are not peer dependent.
3. Salt and light.
Some say they like for their kids to be a Christian witness in the public schools. This has not worked. The schools have gotten worse and worse, in spite of all the Christians being in them. In fact the witness has worked the other way. The Christian kids in the public schools have mostly become non-Christian.
4. Can't teach complicated material.
A parent sometimes says he has to send his child to a public school to be taught because he does not know the material, yet the parent himself was taught by the public schools. This is contradictory. Today there is an abundance of materials and options available in print, on CDs, and on the internet to assist in teaching.

The real objection to homeschooling:

Lack of Dedication.

Homeschooling takes great sacrifice and dedication. Somebody has the full time, unpaid job of being a teacher. All materials have to be paid for by the parents, and some social activities have to be arranged and conducted by the parents. There are now multiple homeschool groups which help with this.

Christian homeschooling is not just another way of educating. It is another way of living. It is not mostly about books. It is mostly about faith, family and friends.

The fruits of Christian homeschooling by loving, dedicated parents are just as good as the fruits of the Godless public schools are bad.

This is a proof of God. When God was kicked out of the public schools, if He was not God then it would not have mattered. Nothing would have changed. The fact is that when God was put out, the public schools went to pot.

On the other hand, if God is God, then when families, instead of kicking Him out, base their whole education and life on Him, the fruits should be rich in Godly rewards. These young people should be the best in the country.

They are. A generation of homeschoolers has shown that Christian homeschooled youth are the most outstanding category of young people in the country. Christian homeschooling is absolutely one of the most meaningful and rewarding accomplishments a family can attain in this life. Thousands of families are replicating these wonderful results, over and over, every year.

Basically any family can do this. It depends more on commitment than anything else.

This is the question each parent must face.

Is it wrong for me to sit down with my children and teach them that God is not creator and that His laws don't matter?

Yes.

If it's wrong for me to do that with my children, then is it wrong for me to allow someone else to do that with my children?

Yes.

Is it wrong for my children to be taught that homosexuality is good?

Yes.

What would Christ do?

Would He allow His children to go to a school which teaches against His Father; which forbids reading about His Father; and which forbids talking to His Father?

Surely not. Neither should a follower of Christ do that.

Christian homeschooling is about more than the three R's. It is about helping this nation turn from Sodom. The left wing is focusing great attention on turning the public schools into teachers of sodomy. They have a detailed plan for your children to make them part of Sodom. Furthermore, they are using the schools as a base for moving government control right into the homes, to forbid Christian teaching there, as they have forbidden it in the schools.

At the same time the Christian homeschool movement is one of the great religious movements in the history of America. There are millions of families who are doing this, and the numbers go up by perhaps 10% per year. They are not trying to reclaim the government schools, which should not exist in the first place as a tax funded monopoly. They are trying to reclaim the hearts of their own children.

They are succeeding.

Christian parent, is your love for God and your children deep enough to join them?

One of the most common regrets of almost all parents is that they did not spend enough time with their children when they were children. One of the great eternal joys of homeschooling parents is all the hours, days and years they spent with their beloved little ones, teaching, loving, sharing life together.