

Education

A Biblical Perspective – Part 1

Introduction

What is not our focus

- Academic instructions
- Arguments for or against sending children to Christian schools

(Although we will touch on principles behind them.)

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Rather, our focus will be on principals and responsibilities as they relate to education in the following areas:

- The Home
- The Church
- The School

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Our discussion is founded on two main premises:

- Our understanding of who God is influences how we educate
- All education involves discipleship

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“The end of learning is to repair the ruins of our first parents by regaining to know God aright. And out of that knowledge to love him, imitate him, to be like him.” –John Milton

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- **Proverbs 1:7**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instructions

- **Colossians 2:3**

In whom [Jesus] are hidden all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge

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- How does something seemingly areligious (math, tying your shoes, etc.) involve discipleship?

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When we talk about education, I want you to think about the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:19-20**)

Go therefore and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you**. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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- **Colossians 2:8**

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

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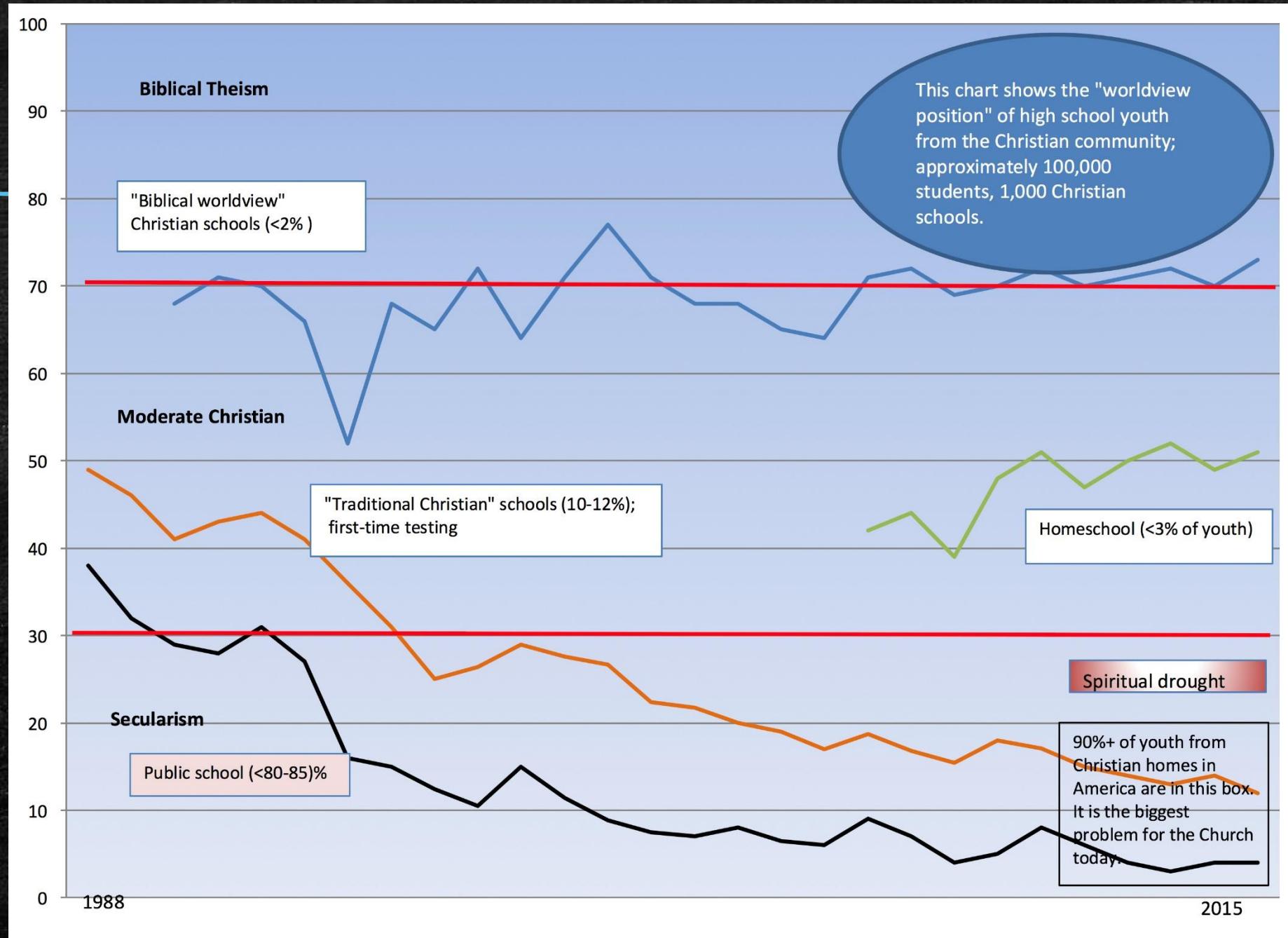
- **2 Corinthians 10:5**

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ

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- **Romans 12:2**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



The Home

- The driving idea behind education in the home is that our children do not belong to us. They belong to God, and we need to be good stewards of our children by training them to serve God.

The Home

- How do we define stewardship?
the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially : the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.
- Example: The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

The Home

- Psalm 24:1

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein

The Home

- **Psalm 127:3-5**

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

The Home

- **Proverbs 22:6**

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

The Home

- **Ephesians 6:4**

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

The Home

- **Deuteronomy 6**

- The first part is essentially just a general admonishment to teach our children about God and His Word.
- In the second part, we see the example of essentially taking a history lesson and turning it into a lesson about God and His Word.

The Home

- Other family members aside from the husband can and should be involved in the discipleship of children.

– **2 Timothy 1:5**

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

– **2 Timothy 3:15**

how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings

The Home

- Far too often it seems that we, as parents, are content to abdicate this responsibility and simply trust that sending our children to church—or maybe to a Christian school if we're really “good” parents—is enough.

The Home

- If we do not disciple our children. Somebody else will, and there's a good chance that the results will not be good.
- Remember, you don't have to actively try to teach your children to actually be teaching them. They are watching everything you do and will learn from you—the good and the bad.