

WHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ?? 50+ REASONS!

Personally I was directed by the Spirit of God to become a public school teacher. It was where I made a living for my family. I am now retired. There are many God fearing disciples of Jesus Christ within its ranks. I did what I was suppose to do. Now it is your turn to decide ...what are you suppose to do??

Here are some thoughts which I gleaned from others. Do any of them resonate within your being as true? I am not big on quotes. Listen with your heart. It is not your mind Christ is after; ...it is your heart.

.... Children are inundated with a plethora of cultures, religions and immorality, while the traditional American values are totally excluded. It does not take into account that our entire constitution, our entire law system and political system are built on the traditional Judeo-Christian ethics (the Ten Commandments).

....Multiculturalism and global education is presented as teaching students to be tolerant of all races, creeds and cultures. *This* is noble and consistent with Christ's message for all nations. But under this guise of "multicultural pluralism" children are being taught that different life-styles (homosexual/lesbian) and moral relativism (values clarification - atheism) are acceptable and even desirable. Thus, atheism, social immorality, and anti-Americanism are all taught as legitimate curriculum in multiculturalism.

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....Martin Luther said, "I'm afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the heart of youth." America's government-run education system has proven Luther right.

.... A non-Christian school teaches children that they can find or create truth apart from God, ...apart from the Lord Jesus Christ.

.....Christian schools are not un-American. Bible centered, Protestant Christian schools existed in America 230 years before public schools were established. From the first American settlement school at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607, to state-controlled public schools established by Horace Mann in 1837. It was in 1837 that Horace Mann and the new public schools of Massachusetts abandoned the well-established Christian schools of New England.

.....More and more parents want a positive, caring and safe educational environment for their children.

.....It seems the over-riding purpose of value-free or value-neutral education, so prevalent in the nation's non-Christian schools, including some non-Christian private schools, is to totally erase Christian values and Biblical truths from the hearts and minds of the next generation.

.....The spiritual, moral, and intellectual pathologies of the government school system are now obvious even to casual observers.

.....The morals of Christian-family youth are being corrupted when the lifestyle of their teachers reflects such anti-Christian views as gay rights, abortion rights, and sex before marriage.

.....A non-Christian school teaches a system that tells children that their work is very good even when it is very bad. This is the great "self esteem" movement

.....Christian schools can teach the whole child, academically, spiritually, physically, and socially; the whole truth, the whole time,.

....."The United States system of national popular education will be the most efficient and wide instrument for the propagation of Atheism which the world has ever seen." A. A. Hodge

.....Parents support Christian schools because they can count on Christian school educators to teach a true Biblical perspective on how to live.

.....All education is ultimately value-oriented. All cultures and subcultures educate their children with the predominant values held by that culture. No truth, fact, or educational philosophy can be neutral or value-free.

..... A non-Christian school teaches that all gods are equal. Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, are all taught as personal expressions of faith, ...all legitimate for whomever chooses to believe in them, and cannot be criticized or questioned.

.....A Christ-centered education will affect how our children see the world. Education in Christian school classrooms is Christ-centered. Christ is the center of life and the message of Christian day schools.

.....A non-Christian school teaches that evolution is true.

.....Peter Marshall said, "Let us not fool ourselves- without Christianity, without Christian education, without the principles of Christ inculcated into young life, we are simply rearing pagans." A Godless curriculum will produce a Godless people.

.....Many forces, values, and messages bombard our children: home, school, church, television, friends, music, and magazines. Between the seventh and 12th grades, the average teenager listens to 10,500 hours of rock music, just slightly less than the entire number of hours spent in the classroom from kindergarten through high school. (7hr/day X 180days/yr X 13 yrs = 12,000 hours)

.....Since the education and training of children is a divine parental responsibility, parents should select schools which will educate and train their children in a manner that reflects the parent's philosophy and views.

..... A non-Christian school teaches that there is no Divine Authority. Without God as the Supreme Authority over all of life and the source of truth, the framework for a pattern of thinking is in place that concludes man is the supreme authority in life.

.....A child will be much better prepared to make his way in the world and stand firm in his faith if he's had a chance to develop in a protected environment. Consider this. Picture a tomato seedling that you plant in your greenhouse in hopes that it will become strong and healthy enough to

transplant into your garden (the “real world”) in the spring. You want it to bear fruit next summer, and you know it is better to start the plant in a protected place. It would be foolish to set it out in the harsh elements, subject to cold and wind. You are simply preparing the seedling for transplantation at the appropriate time. It is the same for a child.

.....Christian schools tend to have better discipline, more rigorous academics, better moral influence, less drug problems than public schools.

.....Listening to music is the primary way troubled teens say they cope with problems. The survey says, that after music, they turn next to friends, drugs and video games.

....."To commit our children to the care of irreligious persons is to commit lambs to the superintendency of wolves." Timothy Dwight

..... A non-Christian school teaches that a person can reach a level of goodness based on their good deeds. Being a nice person to others and nature, having certain character traits, and achieving certain goals or accomplishments will make a person happy, wise, and good.

.....Martin Luther said, "I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt...I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth."

..... If we throw out all the bad stuff found in public schools (shootings, rapes, stealing, fighting, cheating, etc.) and have a 'nice' school where no student is afraid, we are still left with an education system that is robbing youth of the most important aspect of being educated- to trust God.

.....It's totally unrealistic for a parent to assume that one hour of Sunday school per week can successfully compete with a 30-hour per week experience where required attendance has the force of the law.

.....Christ said, "*He who is not with me is against me...*" (Matthew 12:30). Therefore, since neutrality is impossible according to Christ, schools which do not declare themselves to be **for** Christ are, intentionally or by default,

against Him. How then can Christian parents enroll their children and young people in schools that are **against** Christ?

.....The true purpose of being properly educated and successful is to establish God's covenant on earth. Public schools do not go this direction but rather promote materialism as a way of being successful.

.....The fact that values are communicated from adults to children is founded on God's counsel. Every command in the Scriptures relative to the training of children is given to parents. (i.e. Deut. 4:9, 11:18, Prov. 22:6) Luke 6:40 states that, "...a student, when he is fully trained, will be like his teacher."

.....You must remember that what is being taught is coupled with what is being caught. We should ask not only what is being taught, but what is being caught by our children.

.....Parents are concerned about the over-all condition of our society.

..... Horace Mann and John Dewey, founders of our public school system, openly expressed their hatred for Christianity. They literally feared an education system that would teach youth to fear God, which is just what America had for the first two hundred years of existence. Sadly, our public schools teach subjects simply as if God does not exist.

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.....But what will happen to non-Christian schools if Christians abandon them? Shouldn't we send our Christian children to non-Christian schools to witness for Christ? Dr. D. James Kennedy says, "You don't send an eight-year-old out to take on a forty-year-old humanist."

.....Homosexuality is an acceptable "alternative lifestyle." This, of course is contrary to numerous passages of Scripture which call it an "abomination" (Leviticus 18:22).

.....A child's teacher is an important role model. The Christian ethics and morals expounded in your home and church are reinforced in the Christian school classroom. Teacher-pupil ratio in a Christian school is lower than that of most public schools. Scriptural admonitions concerning the rearing of children in the Christian faith, such as Deuteronomy 6:5-7 and II Corinthians 6:14, can only be truly adhered to if children are taught in a Christian environment. The public schools cannot prepare a child for a fruitful, Christ-honoring life.

.....Abortion or killing an unborn child is a "choice" a mother can make and doctors can perform with no moral consequences. In the Bible God talks about human beings as being human beings before they are born. (Psalms 139:13-16). America has killed, as national official policy, over 50,000,000 potential Americans.

.....Parents should realize that values are taught, whether by accident or design, in the school classroom. It is impossible to teach from a value-neutral base. Parents should ensure that their child's school curriculum and teachers present a world-view and value system which is similar to their own. It is not happening for Christian families in the public school system.

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.....Sending a child into an environment that is anti-Christian in philosophy is subjecting the mind of your child to daily teaching that is determined to replace God in every subject and every area of life.

.....Children should not be sent into the government schools as "salt & light" for the same reason that children do not lead Bible studies, become pastors, or go to foreign countries as missionaries. They are not mature enough emotionally or spiritually, and for that matter, can't even provide their own physical needs.

.....Censorship: Evidence of Bias in our Children's Textbooks: "Religion, traditional family values, and conservative political and economic positions have been reliably excluded from children's textbooks.

.....One remarkable conclusion about one study of Social Studies texts was that Zero out of 60 textbooks (approximately 15,000 pages) do not have even one word referring to any religious activity in contemporary life. None of these texts had even one mention of people who go to church or synagogue, or who worship or pray or that religion has any influence on their lives or on society.

..... Because all children come into this world with a sin nature, they are all prone to selfishness, anger, malicious talk, coveting, and the list goes on. In addition, they are exposed to many of the worldly influences that all children are ex-posed to in movies, books, television and more. The difference in the Christian school is that the Christian school can bring the Word of God into every situation in the lives of the children. The public schools do not and can not.

.....There are more Christians per capita who are teachers, principals, or superintendents in the non-Christian school world than in almost any other secular profession. But no other secular workplace has more intimidating regulations against aggressive Christ & evangelism than the non-Christian schools. Two things emerge from this: 1) We need to pray earnestly for Christian educators in secular schools, and 2) we should not expect children to do an adult job.

.....Christian education revolves around the world-view that says there is a personal and infinite God who is involved with his creation and has lovingly communicated through the Bible what is best for humankind.

.....Why should religious parents educate their children in a school system that, for example, ignores creation theory in favor of evolution and teaches that sex is an option they can exercise before marriage with no concerns other than preventing venereal disease and pregnancy?

.....The first and most important thing that you're going to find in a Christian school is an education that is presented from an eternal perspective, meaning, students are taught about the reality that there is a God, and His will for each young person is to know him personally as Savior and then, to begin learning how they can become totally devoted disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

.....It's an education about having children understand the need for a personal relationship with the Creator of the Universe through his son, Jesus Christ and how that Creator can profoundly impact and interact with their lives right here, right now as well as for the rest of their lives

.....Students receive at a Christian school an education that is from an eternal perspective based on a personal relationship with God our creator. This will be lived out in some kind of service to the kingdom of God and to others and an education not only of the mind, but of the heart as well, to love God, and to love and serve others.

.....There is no Biblical support for training Christian children in a non-Biblical environment. Decades ago Yale University's President, Timothy Dwight, said, "Education ought everywhere to be religious education... parents are bound to employ no instructors who will not educate their children religiously. To commit our children to the care of irreligious persons is to commit lambs to the superintendency of wolves."

.....Christian psychologist Clyde Narramore said, "A tree that is planted in poor soil doesn't have the advantages that one planted in good earth has. Contrary to some belief, we do not grow through resistance. Children do not develop because they resist food. Their growth comes as a result of good food and care.

.....The Bible describes life on this earth as warfare. Warriors are never trained in enemy territory. School is a training ground. A primary purpose of a Christian school is to prepare students to be non-conformists to the world. The Bible says, "And be not conformed to this world..." (Romans 12:2a), but at the same time we are to be prepared to live victoriously in the world. Simply put, if you want your children to live as Christians they must be taught by Christians.

..... Public schools (or as some like to say, government schools) have come upon hard times in the past several years. One would be hard-pressed to find a community where the public school system is not having serious problems. While gun-shootings get the most coverage, understandably, there are many, many other problems plaguing the 150-year-old experiment of government-run education.

..... For the first two centuries of our nation, civil government had no voice in education. In the last century, it has wanted to be the only voice. We spend more money (tax money!) on education per pupil than any other industrialized nation yet rank near or at bottom in academic performance, especially in math, physics and sciences. Why?

..... From the removal of the Ten Commandments in the classroom to denying prayer in school to forbidding any display of religious objects in public places (including a closed Bible on a teacher's desk), our nation has determined to become a secular people officially. No Word, just bread; no supernatural, just natural.

..... The fruit of this removal of Christianity from the public square is apparent to anyone who wants to see- a decrease in good things (honesty, morality, literacy, family coherence, etc.) and an increase in bad things (crime, sexual immorality, bankruptcies, business and government corruption, family breakdown, etc.).