

EDUCATION THAT IS CHRISTIAN

Objectives

- Discover the true purpose of Christian education
- Learn to focus on the student
- Improve the teacher/teaching process
- Ultimate goal of Christian education

Foundational Scriptures

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them (NIV).

Luke 6:40

A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher (NIV).

Romans 12:2

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will” (NIV).

Purpose of Christian Education

Teach students who they are and what they are intended to become in the plan of God.

Purpose of Christian Education

The student is to become like Christ
in attitude, beliefs, and behavior.

Purpose of Christian Education

Aim of education that is Christian is to develop biblical character in the lives of the students (virtue).

Purpose of Christian Education

Students learn that the value of their lives is borne in their relationship with Christ not in what they may acquire.

Purpose of Christian Education

The primary objective of Christian education is to better acquaint the student with the person of Jesus Christ.

Purpose of Christian Education

The purpose of Christian education is to secure for students the appropriate wealth of knowledge of Christ.

Dr. Paul A. Kienel

“The purpose of Christian education is to show individuals how to face God and then with the vision of God in their hearts to face the present world and the world to come.”

Purpose of Christian Education

In the setting of a Christian philosophy of education knowledge acquiring the truth about the real world, and acquisition made possible by bearing God's image.

Purpose of Christian Education

Renewing the believers' mind is the work of the Holy Spirit to conform us to the image of God.

Purpose of Christian Education

Education that is Christian encourages students to learn both the individual and social implications of moral or ethical behavior.

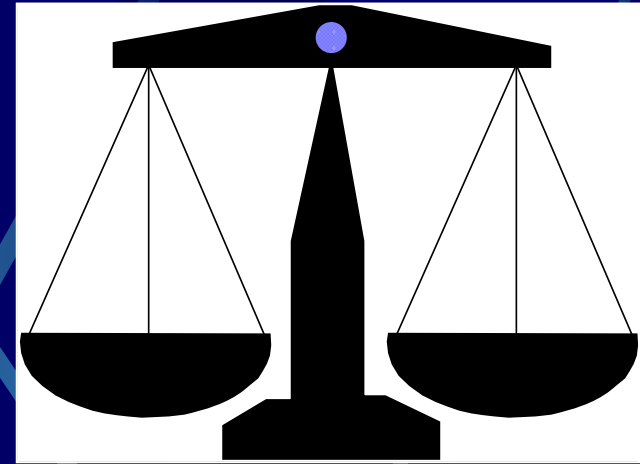
Values of Christian Education

- Virtue or moral maturity
- Knowledge or intellectual maturity
- Self-control or physical maturity
- Fortitude or emotional maturity
- Piety or spiritual maturity
- Kindness or social maturity

Ephesians 4:13-15

“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ” (NIV).

It all adds up...



That man would bring ultimate and total glory to Christ in and through their lives.

(1 Cor. 10:31)

Who is Responsible for the Education of an Individual?

According to Deuteronomy 6:6-7, the parents are the primary educators of the student

Who is Responsible for the Education of an Individual

People in Bible times recognized the value of placing students under instructors (Synagogues).

Who is Responsible for the Education of an Individual

Today, parents should see the church as being a coop in religious education of their children

Focus On The Learner

Jesus focused on the learner (individual)

Focus On The Learner

A learner is a real person.
Teachers do not teach lessons
They teach people!

Focus On The Learner

“Learners are more than bodies. The learner is one who has the ability to know and to reason and has the capacity to evaluate, that is to make judgments about the ethics of actions”

...C.S. Lewis

Focus On The Learner

The learner/student has the ability to determine actions in line with values, not impulses, feelings, instincts, emotions, or physical urges and needs. One can do what they ought to do even though sin is part of their nature

(Rom.1:18-32).

Focus On The Learner

Each student must learn to make choices
on the basis of Christian principle

(Joshua 24:15).

The Student Will Be Like His Teacher

Luke 6:37-49

- Reaction
- Responsibility
- Relationships
- Reputation
- Reliability

The Student Will Be Like His Teacher

Teachers in the classroom should be those that will be a good model for moral (Christian) behavior and attitude.

The Student Will Be Like His Teacher

"The pupil's growth is determined not by what he hears but by what he does about what he hears."

Just A Thought

If we work with the Spirit of God, He can use us to effect inner changes in the student

Just A Thought

The end result of teaching is that the student being like Christ in attitude, action, and thought.

Process of Teaching

The process of teaching must focus on evaluation.

Process Of Teaching

The major thrust of the Church
(Deut. 6:6-7; Prov. 22:6; Matt. 28:19-20)

Process Of Teaching

- Deut. 6:6-7
 - Impress
- Prov. 25:18; Isa. 5:28
 - Sharpen

“Good teachers can’t be focused
on what **THEY** do, but what the
STUDENTS are doing”

...Dr. Howard Hendricks

Role of the Teacher

The teacher is a model of a Christian lifestyle (2 Tim. 3:14-17).

Role of the Teacher

The teacher is an instructor of truth
(1 Tim. 1:3-4)

Role of the Teacher

The teacher is one who guides, facilitates, and shapes learning.

Role of the Teacher

Teach people how to think,
learn, and work

...Howard Hendricks).

Teachers...

must have a clear understanding of their students' learning styles, personal experiences, and physical and emotional health. Teachers can learn much by studying stages of developmental characteristics of individuals. Learning happens at 'teachable moments' or at 'optimal age'.

Ways to Improve Your Teaching

- Let the Word of God dwell in you richly
- Let the Spirit of God free you from the flesh (self-motivation)
- Give the Lord a chance to lead in the classroom
- Keep motivation strong and pure

Ways to Improve Your Teaching

- Keep problems sharply focused and solve them with the help of the Holy Spirit
- Strive to get to the depths of problems and to acquire complete orientation in a field so that no significant factor is omitted.
- Be ready to pay the price of genuine productivity, perspiration, as well as inspiration.
- Be both yielded and courageous, alert and relaxed.

Goals of Christian Education

- Teach people to love the Lord God with all their hearts
- Enable people to become an effective believer
- Disciple students to develop Christian lifestyle characteristics
- Help the Christian to articulate the hope that lies within him/her

Goals of Christian Education

- Formulate a distinctively Christian mind that is able to think biblical principles
- Provide a knowledge of individual value and worth in the kingdom and devote to a life-long commitment
- Comprehend doctrine/teachings with practical implications to life
- Provide a clear perception of truth

Purpose of Curriculum in Christian Education

One of the goals of Christian education is to help students learn about the Bible and Christianity, guiding them to adopt the beliefs of their church or denomination. (Burge)

Purpose of Curriculum in Christian Education

- Provide teachers with curriculum that is:
 - Age-level appropriate
 - Biblically sound
 - Doctrinally pure
 - Proven methodology
 - Practical lessons and structure
- Teaching must not be left up to chance or by the inspiration of the teacher alone

Goal of Curriculum

- Proves accurate interpretation of Scripture
- Promotes a balanced coverage of the Bible
- Supports the teachings of the church

Goal of Curriculum

- Encourages true discipleship training
- Contains age-level appropriate methodology
- Offers the teacher adequate helps and resources

Education that is Christian Will Recognize the Ultimate Goal in Growing True Disciples

The entire process of Christian education is seen as a means used by the Holy Spirit to bring the individual into fellowship with God, to develop a Christian mind in him and to train him in godly living so that he can fulfill Gods total purpose for his or her life personally and vocationally.

Education that is Christian

Aim toward a personal relationship with Christ by every student and growing to maturity in Christ for the glory of God

Education that is Christian

Intentionally focus on the learner/student

Education that is Christian

Improve the teacher and the
teaching process

Education that is Christian

Keep the ultimate goal of a personal relationship with Christ in focus for each student to become like Jesus

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