

A Biblical Rationale to Home School your children
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1. The command to teach children was given to parents and can be never delegated:

Deut 6:6-9 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Note that this passage was addressed solely to parents and that the instruction took taking place throughout the day.

2. A command for fathers to be involved in training:

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

3. A wonderful proverb to take hold of:

Prov 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

4. The training of children was never delegated to the state. The only Biblical accounts of a state education were coerced: i.e. Moses, Joseph, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

5. Public schools do not teach the things of God but are worldly, like the nation of Egypt:

Jeremiah 42:19 "The LORD has said concerning you, O remnant of Judah, 'Do not go to Egypt!' Know certainly that I have admonished you this day.

Ezekiel 20:7 Then I said to them, 'Each of you, throw away the abominations which are before his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.'

6. If we are not to let others who have false teaching into our own home, why would we send our young children out to be taught another doctrine 30 hours a week without our protection.

2 Jn 10: If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

7. If we send our child to a state school, we may be guilty of causing a curse to come upon teachers and other students:

Mt 18:6 Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

8. State schools teach animism, where they worship the creation rather than the Creator. They do this under the umbrella of caring for the environment.

Gal 1:9 if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

9. The passing of a godly heritage from generation to generation:

Ps 78: 5-7 ...He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;

10. Children are to know and love their parents instruction, but how are they to do this unless we keep them at home:

Prov 6:20-22 My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you.

11. *Jeremiah 10:12 Thus says the Lord, learn not the way of heathen nations.*

Isn't that what our children are learning in the public schools?

12. We are to set our minds on things above, not on the things that are on the earth. Even many Christian schools use secular textbooks and teach the state curriculum.

Colossians 3:1-2 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

13. Do you want your child to become like their non-Christian schoolteacher and lead your child into a pit? For that may happen if you send your child to a public school:

Luke 6:39-40 Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

14. Public schools conform our children to the pattern of this world.

Romans 12:2 Be not conformed to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

15. Children learn to boast at school. How often have you heard at an awards night or in a newsletter: "We are very proud of our students achievements..."

Gal 6:4 God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

16. Good versus bad “socialisation” of children:

Proverbs 13:20 *He who walks with wise men, will be wise but a companion of fools will suffer harm.*

1 Cor 15:33 *Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”*

17. Would you accept a non-Christian to teach your child for Sunday school for half an hour a week? How then would you allow a non-Christian to teach your child for 6 hours a day at Monday school and Tuesday school...

18. A good education begins with an understanding of who God is and how we relate to Him. This will be done best at home:

Prov 1:7 *Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge*

Col 1:16-17 *All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*

2 Tim 3: 14-15 *But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

19. The results of a Godly education are almost too wonderful for words:

Psalm 119:97-101 *You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.*

20. There are many blessings and occasions of great joy in Scripture but there is only one time where the phrase **No greater joy** is used:

3 John 4: *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth*

Is it worth taking the time to see that we are doing everything we can to ensure that our children and led in the path of truth?

Remember, they grow up so quickly:

Eph 5:16 Redeeming the time for the days are evil