

## News and Current Events :: Christians Urged to Pull Children From Public Schools

**Christians Urged to Pull Children From Public Schools - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/26 15:40**

The warning was clear: Christian parents should pull their children out of public schools, now, to protect them from spiritual damage, extreme indoctrination, and other serious problems. Pastors and churches should work to encourage that "exodus," helping and encouraging families to put their kids in homeschools or private Christian schools as quickly as possible. The alternative will be the continued decline of the church in America and an acceleration of the nation's decline. That was the explosive message of an evangelical ministry leader speaking as a guest this week on one of America's top Christian radio programs.

Dr. James Dobson, one of the nation's most influential Christian leaders and a former public-school teacher, hosted the discussion on his national radio program focusing on the spiritual danger of allowing children to sit in secular or even anti-God public schools for over a ...

read more: <https://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/education/item/25675-christians-urged-to-pull-children-from-public-schools>

**Re: Christians Urged to Pull Children From Public Schools - posted by TakeUptheCross, on: 2017/3/27 11:58**

I did not read the whole article and I do not know what's the situation in the US but... I think it is good if every parent acts according to the leading of the Lord!

I believe you can raise up godly children even if they go to secular school. How important is family indeed! I was raised in a Christian home and went to secular school. And I do not know of single private Christian school in my home town (for now, our church plans to build one by the grace of God). But my school days have been a blessing for me, my fellows and my parents.

- For me: because I had countless opportunities to witness. It taught me also to "fight the good fight of faith". And yet I feel I was somehow protected through my family environment and my local church; I was somehow, by God's grace preserved from the abominations going on.

- For my fellows: Because they could hear of Christ. In subject like philosophy or literature we would discuss the Bible (Thank God, it is taught in our schools! - Bulgaria), the meaning and origin of life etc. So it is really interesting and challenging when at least two or three people have a different and biblical view on the subject! We discussed such things also in the pauses! It has really been a blessing!

- For my parents: Because my mother would probably never had the physical possibility to educate alone so many children.

"But by the grace of God I am what I am" - 1 Cor. 15:10

The grace of God be with you all, and with all Christian parents!

**Re: Christians Urged to Pull Children From Public Schools - posted by savannah, on: 2017/3/27 14:15**

Irrespective of your own belief, your own experience, and the experience of your fellows and parents, is God neutral or silent respecting the education of the children whom He blesses us with?

In other words, what is God's mind on this as revealed in His Word and by His Spirit?

Or, are we to just add this to the list of all the other gray areas He has left us in the dark on?

**Re: - posted by TakeUptheCross, on: 2017/3/27 15:22**

Do you ask in order to make me think about it?

This is what currently comes to my mind:

"Train a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

"And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed." Malachi 2:15

"Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do... For I know him, that he will command his children and his house hold after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." Genesis 18:17,19;

So far as I understand the Scriptures, we have to teach our children and bring them up in the way of the Lord. Irrespective of their going or not going to school. The education (upbringing) of children is not responsibility of the state but rather of the parents. And that is essential.

**Re: Scripture-led - posted by savannah, on: 2017/3/27 18:42**

"I think it is good if every parent acts according to the leading of the Lord!"

Thanks for your reply, and the Scriptures you posted.

Now, I'd ask you to please post some Scriptures to show that a parent would be acting according to the leading of the Lord as they send their children to be educated by God's enemies.

Thanks again.

The Word of Jesus,

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever is not gathering with me is scattering abroad.

Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me.

Luke 11:23

Mathew 12:30

**Re: think about it - posted by savannah, on: 2017/3/28 18:14**

Esther,

I was anticipating some verses in response to my last post!

Thanks for obliging me

**Sexual harassment in education in the United States - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/3/28 23:16**

"..In their 2000 survey on 2064 students in 8th through 11th grade, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) reported:

81% or eight out of 10 students experience sexual harassment in school

83% of girls have been sexually harassed

78% of boys have been sexually harassed.."

"..By teachers..

In their 2002 survey, the AAUW reported that, of students who had been harassed, 38% were harassed by teachers or other school employees. One survey that was conducted with psychology students reports that 10% had sexual interactions with their educators; in turn, 13% of educators reported sexual interaction with their students. In a national survey conducted for the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation in 2000 found that roughly 290,000 students experienced some sort of physical sexual abuse by a public school employee between 1991 and 2000. And a major 2004 study commissioned by the U.S. Department of Education found that nearly 10 percent of U.S. public school students reported having been targeted with sexual attention by school employees. Indeed, one critic has claimed that sexual harassment and abuse by teachers is 100 times more frequent than abuse by priests."

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual\\_harassment\\_in\\_education\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_harassment_in_education_in_the_United_States)

**Re: - posted by TakeUptheCross, on: 2017/3/29 1:15**

I have not forgotten it. I just need some time so that I can give a proper and not just "any" answer. :)

I will probably write later today.

**Re: Scripture-led - posted by TakeUptheCross, on: 2017/3/29 12:05**

Well, in the Old Testament we have some examples of godly people who have been trained or educated through ungodly people for specific purposes:

- Moses: He was born in time of persecution for the Jews in Egypt and his mother hid him for three months. Then she laid the child in an ark by the river's brink. So the Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and adopted him. We do not have details about the childhood of Moses but we know that later "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;" (Hebrews 11:24). - from which I draw the conclusion that he has grown up and was trained as a son of Pharaoh's daughter. And later he denied that title or office in the society to fulfill the will of the Lord.

- Daniel and his friends: King Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, besieged Jerusalem and took control over it. He sent the master of his eunuchs to "bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans." (Daniel 1:1-4). So these children had some knowledge because they were of the royal society. But note the purpose of the king is to "teach them the learning and tongue of the Chaldeans". And we know nowadays that the Chaldeans were very advanced in science, Egyptians too. So Daniel and his friends had to learn this and we see through the book of Daniel that this was perfectly in the will of the Lord that they were there and they glorified God while they lived there.

So probably, you will say "They were forced to do so because of their circumstances." Maybe, but God did not condemn it. In many countries education (primary and secondary school) is obligatory, i.e. you transgress the law if you do not send your child to school. Sometimes there is given another option: "Teach your child as you will but it have to pass all exams just as other children". Ok, I am not against it.

But here comes also the other side: There are countries where education is a luxury. And even illiterate parents are ready to do whatever they can to send their children to school so that they can have a better future, a chance to have a job and take care of themselves. So home-schooling is out and the other option is a Christian or state school - depending on what is available in the region. Nevertheless if a secular school is requiring idol worship (for example) of the children, I would not (God help me!) send my child there.

Quote:

-----... to be educated by God's enemies

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I do not know how do you understand this... but I think the stories of Moses and Daniel speak for themselves. The main idea of schools is that people are taught how to write, read, think etc. not to learn how to do abominations. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego knew of the abominations around them but they were never part of it, they never bowed their knee before an idol.

I buy my bread, my food from the enemies of God. Buses, trains, airplanes, doctors, nurses, politicians - not all of them are Christians. That does not mean, I should not use water, electricity, public transport etc. While paying for these services I also support their business but God approves that (as long as it is not ungodly and wicked business).

Therefore I believe that parents have to be led by the Spirit in taking decisions about the education of their children.

**Re: Sexual harassment in education in the United States - posted by TakeUpTheCross, on: 2017/3/29 12:24**

It is disgusting reading that... and I do not think it was good idea to post it in that way...

I do not know what do you want to say with the post. It is grievous that such thing happen. But even here you can see how important the role of the parents is!!!

School is not some spirit... school is an outcome of society, just like politics. The behaviour of children in school is most of the time dependant on their education at home.

So how will children learn to dress modestly? Not from the TV, from their parents! How will they learn to make a difference between good and bad, (holy and profane)? From their parents! How will they learn purity? Surely not from Hollywood stars, who teach only adultery, fornication and such. BUT FROM their parents! And who has to say "No!" - to films and video games that damage the soul? - The parents! Who has to stop the kids from going to disco, parties and like events? - The parents!

And oh, we want schools to get changed (AND THEY SHOULD BE), but should we not START IN OUR HOMES?!

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2017/3/29 12:57**

Quote:

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Amen. If we as parents do not give setup a godly example before the children then how can we expect them to grow up for Christ? It is our responsibility to train them up.

I have a faith that even if my children go to public school, God will still win them for Christ. If someone is weak in faith and does not believe that God can protect their children if they put them in public schools, let them do so. Anything done without faith is sin. So putting your kids in public schools without faith in God's protection is also a sin.

But what annoys me is these weak in faith people, question those who are strong in faith! The book of Job is very clear, God has 3 hedges of protection around all believers. The one around me, 2nd around my family and 3rd around my property. Without his permission no one can touch them. With this faith I will put them in public schools. Let the one who does not have this faith, do it according to his measure of faith.

**Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/3/29 20:56**

RE : /// It is disgusting reading that ///

I agree it is disgusting it is an epidemic, some of the research I read said it was far worse than the Catholic Church and there abuse scandals

I simply posted some statistics about the Public education environment.

Of which I was planning on doing more of on other topics pertaining to that environment.

Your disgusted by those statistics but you are defending the environment that those statistics are speaking about ???

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If we as parents willingly allow the State to babysit our children for 40+ hours a week in an environment of peers as well as administration that is hostile to our value system than can we as parents expect that our children will not be vexed in their righteous soul from that environment ?

I know that I was vexed from that environment.

RE : /// And oh, we want schools to get changed (AND THEY SHOULD BE), but should we not START IN OUR HOMES ?! ///

I do not care if Schools change , I personally am opposed to that environment for my children, regardless of any improvements that they could ever make.

**Sree - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/3/29 21:04**

RE : /// I have a faith that even if my children go to public school,...///

Why is your wife unable to home school your children ?

**Re: Bullying statistics - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/3/29 21:25**

Over 3.2 million students are victims of bullying each year.

Approximately 160,000 teens skip school every day because of bullying.

17% of American students report being bullied 2 to 3 times a month or more within a school semester...."

1 in 4 teachers see nothing wrong with bullying and will only intervene 4% of the time.

By age 14 less than 30% of boys and 40% of girls will talk to their peers about bullying.

Over 67% of students believe that schools respond poorly to bullying, with a high percentage of students believing that adult help is infrequent and ineffective.

71% of students report incidents of bullying as a problem at their school.

90% of 4th through 8th graders report being victims of bullying.

1 in 10 students drop out of school because of repeated bullying.

As boys age they are less and less likely to feel sympathy for victims of bullying. In fact they are more likely to add to the problem than solve it.

Physical bullying increases in elementary school, peaks in middle school and declines in high school. Verbal abuse, on the other hand, remains constant.

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-bullying>

**Re: Tax Payer Funded - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/3/29 23:39**

By my family not sending our children to the public education system we will be saving the tax payers \$35,000 dollars a year basically a half million dollars in the course of there education.

Actually It will be far more than that : because of yearly increases the Schools receive per student

I have known people whom faulted others for receiving unemployment benefits they said they where receiving welfare. But they themselves had 3 children in the tax payer funded education system.

As of 5 year ago :

How Much Does The Government Spend To Send A Kid To Public School?

"On average, it costs \$10,615 to send a kid to public school for a year. (That's federal, state and local government spending combined.)

As the map above shows, that one number masks a huge variation. Utah spends just over \$6,000 per student; New York and the District of Columbia over \$18,000."

<http://www.npr.org/sections/money/2012/06/21/155515613/how-much-does-the-government-spend-to-send-a-kid-to-school>

**Re: Sree - posted by Sree (), on: 2017/3/30 2:35**

Quote:

-----Why is your wife unable to home school your children ?

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Question is too personal! It is a collective decision that we took to put our kid in public school and home school them later (if certain conditions are met based on our immigration status). A man cannot run the house based on his own faith, he needs to consider his wife and make a decision that both are comfortable with. If wife feels that she cannot homeschool kids, then husband has no right to force her. It is not the Christian way.

I am not against home schooling, I love to home school kids. I do not feel it is necessary for me to homeschool them when they are very young.

My interest in homeschooling as the kids grow, is not because I fear public school system, but because I love to spend more time with my kids this way.

**Re: proudpapa - posted by TakeUptheCross, on: 2017/3/30 7:59**

Proudpapa,

Please understand that I am not against homeschooling. I want with all my heart that our children follow the Lord even after our death! The circumstances may be different in each country but I believe that parents should pray for their children and also pray for God's wisdom so that they can educate and bring them up in the way of the Lord!

I do not really want that we "fight" over the matter because it is only the enemy that will rejoice over it. Both of us have passed through the system, I see. I have shared already my experience...

I realize my life would be very different perhaps if I have never finished secondary school and never learned English and German. I have access to so many riches in Christ: the sermons, the hymns, the poems, the commentaries of godly people that many who speak only my mother language cannot access. God opened for me a door and gave me a chance to study in Germany and thereby He gives me also scholarship for that from Germany itself! So how can I not thank Him?!

Please, to all of you, do not be like those that said: "Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner."... "one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." And as God saw it good to raise Joseph in Egypt, Moses in Pharaoh's p

alace and Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah among the Chaldeans, even so raised He me up among ungodly people to serve Him!

**Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/3/30 9:19**

Sree and TakeUptheCros, thank you for the replies

Various people have various situations,

If I die before my children are old enough to not have to go to public school than I relize that they would probably have to go to public school.

I relize Germany and other countries have strong public school mandates.

As far as Sree and "immigration status" and stuff I relize that there are various situations much different than my own.

It is not for me to Judge such situations , But at the same time I feel it is acceptable for me to point out some of the dangers and realities of that environment.

and some of my own reasoning for being opposed to that environment for my children.

RE: /// I do not really want that we "fight" over the matter because it is only the enemy that will rejoice over it.///

I agree.

**Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/3/30 9:33**

RE : /// Both of us have passed through the system, I see. I have shared already my experience...///

I have shared some before in this thread :

[https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic\\_id=57927&forum=35&start=30&viewmode=flat&order=0](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic_id=57927&forum=35&start=30&viewmode=flat&order=0)

so I will share some of it again :

Some of the things that I learned in 13 years of public schooling :

One of the first things that I learned was the social class system.

Our kindergarten's had a morning and a afternoon depending on the location of your home. If you lived on one side of the railroad tracks you went to kindergarten in the morning.

If you lived on another side of the railroad tracks you went to school in the afternoon.

I had some cousins that went to school in Iowa, That school separated the students by those whom recieved free lunch vs those whom paid for there lunch.

In first grade we where consolidated together into class rooms.

In these class rooms we where placed into 3 groups the A group the B group and the C group.

At 6 years old it was well recognized that you associated with those within your group.

I was in the B group which envied to be placed in the A group and feared to be placed in the C group.

It was well understood at 6 years old that those of us in B group where superior to those in the C group and us in the B group where inferior to those in A group

After the first grade, Students where than put into classes based on end of the year test. How you scored on these test i s mostly what determined your placement.

Another thing I learned from 13 years of public education was what it is to be bullied.

My first recalled encounter was at 5 or 6 years old.

I was assigned by the school bus driver the third seat behind the driver.

A fourth grade african american boy told me to move.

Not wanting to be in trouble with the driver, I pressed close to the window instead of switching seats at which time the fourth grader proceeded to intimidate and beat on me.

A day or so later the fourth grader did apologize to me and was nice to me from then on, I still to this day do not know what caused him to apologize to me.

Any thing that separates you from the norm becomes an area of harassment in that environment, Mine was my accent, I took a great deal of ridicule, harassment and name calling because of it.

This harassment led to me receiving a 3rd degree concussion by a much larger bully in the seventh grade.

It happened on the basketball court during the lunch hour no teacher saw it, The students picked me up and carried me to my class and set me in the desk at which time I woke up.

At 5-6 years old while riding the school bus some older boys taught me some sign language : it consisted of closing your entire hand with the exception of the finger in the middle, Very quickly I realized that this was obviously against the rules because some of the kids on the bus were getting in trouble for it.

Two of the older boys forced my hand closed while forcing my middle finger open, and then they tattled to the Bus driver that I was flying the bird.

This was before the days of kids with phones and internet which did not make it to our schools until My high school year of which even then was only in certain classes for certain kids.

Yet I recall some of the kids in high school getting a hold of the school computer and printer and printing off the worst filth imaginable.

As depraved and as low as I have been what they printed off would never have been a temptation, It was that bad.

In the fifth grade A student brought to school a nude magazine to share around with his friends.

The teachers did not find out and we did not go home and tell our parents that we have been sitting in class looking at a nude magazine.

One of the most disturbing things that I learned in Public school was not only the four letter words that were common talk but the perverted double meanings of common everyday words, I was much more naive than many but 13 years of that environment rid's those with in it of being naive at very much.

In the seventh grade the music teacher would put vhs tape in the vhs player to occupy the basic music students so they could leave the room to go to another room and work with the choir. many times physical altercations would take place at this time.

I recall that sometimes these vhs tapes were Rated R movies with what goes along with rated R movies

Most of the fights, were done under the radar of the teachers. Not all though!

In the seventh grade one of my good friends a small nerdy boy with glasses learned a lesson in school to never where glasses again. He was sitting on the Bleachers in the gym, the bottom bleachers were pushed in, A much larger bully came along grabbed him by his shirt collar and pulled his face, glasses and all straight to the ground which put him into the hospital.

That boy never received a beating again, his dad then got him into boxing of which he was very motivated at learning and became very good at very quickly.

I can go on and on with such stories but at the end of my seventh grade I had enough of this school so I begged to move in with my dad and go to a smaller rural school instead of the 150-200 kids per grade I was transferred to a school with 20-30 kids per grade.

Fighting was not so much of the environment but not being ostracized seemed very important, you were either part of the group that all conformed together or you were simply of the 1 or 2 out cast.

One of the 6th graders brought not nude magazine but porno magazine. They were looked at by almost all in the changing rooms, they were passed out for everyone to take home.

Out of a graduating class of around 300 I am not sure if any of us made it out unpolluted from our environment,

Many if not most of the school pregnancies where the girls that are pictured praying at the flag pole in our freshman year book and the dads to those pregnancies seem to often be the boys in the same picture.

I carried my Bible around some in high school.

I recall two others that did as well, The one seemed always so joyful, I would ask him : what have you been drinking ? He would respond : I am drunk on that : new wine.

The last I new he is now a open homosexual

I recall the other one telling me once : I do not pray at the flag pole some of those kids cuss and I do not want to be associated with that kind of hipocracy : The last I seen of him : He appeared to have lost the faith

In comparison I am reminded of many that I have meet from circles such as Charity that have a very high number of home schoolers.

Coming from Public Schooling I did not realize that such purity existed, I think most people do not realize it.

We learned about drugs early on :

They first gave us Nancy Reagan's "just say no" It was about as effective as an Anheuser Busch campaign against underage drinking or a Philip Morris campaign against under age smoking.

And then they brought us "Dare program" hosted by local cops.

At best such programs simply failed but they seemed to almost have had a reverse effect on many.

The first time I recall smelling marijuana was in the school bathroom.

In the ag classes some of the students would light up marijuana while running the welders.

It was said that some of the football players would mix crank in there chewing tobacco while in a game.

One time while discussing with a football player the possibility of a physical altercation, He told me that he felt that he would win a physical altercation between us because he would sniff some crystal meth first.

It is often propagated that to help keep your children out of trouble you should get them involved in extracurricular activity such as a sport.

A year after I graduated, the school basket ball team got found out to be hooked on meth after some of them had been involved in a burglary and began narking.

It is often propagated that to help keep your children out of trouble you should keep there nose in the books.

For the purpose of deflecting being bullied I spent much time at a local Gym. I recall one time the would become later salutatorian came to the gym to lift weights with us he started talking to me about how he had went to the big city and learned how to sniff aerosol cans.

My thought at the time was what a dummy, and yet this is the kind of thing that the top of the class 'academically speaking' was doing.

I ran into some that I new from school at walmart once they where buying computer cleaner I believe they called it huffer.

I was asked by a school acquaintance once if I could drive him to a party that was out in the woods. I ignorantly complied probably motivated by a bit of curiosity. As soon as we arrived I realized that this was a bad Idea, A mob made up of mostly high schoolers that I new was taking rocks and destroying a girls car as she was trying to back out to leave they where busting her windows out with rocks and punching her in the face as she was trying to back out. Everyone there seemed completely crazy.

I rather quickly but as nonchalantly as possible left afterward I found out that they all had been using lsd

This was a very brief account of my School experience.

**Re: let's bake a cake - posted by savannah, on: 2017/3/30 19:40**

Hosea 7:8-9

â€œEphraim mixes himself among the peoples, Ephraim has become a cake unturned.

â€œStrangers have devoured his strength, but he does not know it. Grey hairs are also sprinkled on him, and he does not know it.

J. Orr comments -

Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people - had adopted heathenish ways, had set at naught the command of God requiring separation from the ungodly, had intimately associated himself with the idolatrous nations around. The mixing was an inward one before it became an outward one. There is first a mixing in the heart with the spirit of the world, then comes outward worldly conformity. It is this which Christians have constantly to guard against (Romans 12:2). Their calling is to be separate (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). They need to remember that "the friendship of the world is enmity with God" (James 4:4) and that "if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). Mixing with the world - the sin of the Church today, as it was the sin of Israel of old - has its effects.

"Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, grey hairs," etc. Ephraim had already suffered much from the people among whom he had chosen to mix himself. But even he was not aware of the amount of harm they had done him. He did not perceive how this intercourse with the heathen had sapped the moral strength of the nation; had deteriorated its politics; had beguiled it into a false dependence on foreign helpers; had given a mighty impetus to every disintegrating force already at work in the kingdom. The grey hairs - significant of decay - were thickly strewn upon him, but he perceived it not. Deterioration inevitably results from the mixing of Christians with the world.

Interest in religion gives place to interest in the things which are the constant subjects of thought, talk, and concern in the circles in which we move. It is, besides, soon found that participation in the world's pleasures and follies is incompatible with serious attention to the things of the soul, and the latter, accordingly, is soon abandoned.

The Lord had separated Israel from the nations, that it might be holy to Him (Leviticus 20:24, Leviticus 20:26). As Balaam said of it, it was to be a people dwelling alone (Numbers 23:9). But in opposition to this object of its divine calling, the ten tribes had mingled with the nations, i.e., with the heathen, learned their works, and served their idols (cf. Psalm 106:35-36). The mingling with the nations consisted in the adoption of heathen ways, not in the penetration of the heathen into Israelitish possessions, nor merely in the alliances which it formed with heathen nations.

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On numerous occasions, God Himself commands His people to come out from among the unbelievers.

Would you accuse God of having no faith in His own power to keep His own?

Be not deceived, bad company corrupts...!

Go tell Lot that his family will be safe in the environment of Sodom! See if he will believe such a lie! The lie of the devil has been swallowed and is now being regurgitated and spoon fed as chocolate pudding. And some are licking their lips as they try to convince others of how tasty delicious this pudding from hell is.

**Re: past experience and the will of the Lord - posted by TakeUptheCross, on: 2017/3/31 6:48**

Proud papa,

I am very sorry for your bad experience in school. When I read this, I can understand why you don't want to send your children to school. And I will not oppose it brother, may the Lord bless your children!

My classmates have not been holy, neither was my school free of people who went to parties, disco etc. No, but we (me, my brothers and sisters) never participated in such events even when they were organised for the whole class. The first time I heard of "foul language", I did not even know what was the meaning of the words... and as they told me, I immediately knew in my heart "This is wrong!"

Once in the pause a girl asked me to tell her something bad, because she was all amazed that she has never heard me say those things. And I could only tell her that it is because of God!

I write this so that we just see both perspectives. I understand you proud papa, and I appreciate your warning.

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Savannah,

It is true that God tells us not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." (2 Corinthians 6:17)

But you cannot understand that as - "You should never be among unbelievers!". Because as I said earlier I buy even my bread from the enemies of God! And Paul himself says: "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world." (1 Corinthians 5:9,10)

You say:

Quote:  
-----The lie of the devil has been swallowed and is now being regurgitated and spoon fed as chocolate pudding. And some are licking their lips as they try to convince others of how tasty delicious this pudding from hell is.  
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Am I among these "some"? Because I tell you the truth, for me to say that my 12 years in school have been chocolate from hell, will be a lie and by worst blasphemy.

And I am now in university... believe me, the campus is not a holy place. And my first day of being student, I thought "God, I am in Sodom and Gomorrah!" But this is the world in which we live! This is the reality outside my four walls. I have not "moved my tent toward Sodom" but I am, by the grace of God, striving to live a holy life "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation" (Philippians 2:15).

Otherwise, shall we tell all Christian teachers to drop their jobs and leave public schools? Shall we tell all young students to leave high schools and university? Is this what we understand as "being separate from the world?"

I beg you brethren, don't break my heart... and let us not together with our discussion grieve the Lord! I will repeat myself, we should not quarrel or fight over the matter because I believe whether through home-schooling or otherwise, our aim is to bring up godly generation. And may the Lord help us!

**Re: children - posted by savannah, on: 2017/3/31 7:49**

Esther,

Not one of your posts has addressed the voluntary sending of a child to receive a Godless education from a government school system where God is rejected and sin is promoted, encouraged, and practiced.

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. Psalm 10:4

**Re: - posted by dfella (), on: 2017/3/31 7:55**

Dear Sister Esther,

I appreciate and find your testimony a blessing of Gods faithfulness on your behalf. I believe and bear witness that you have rightly supported your position from the scriptures. So please do not feel condemned nor compelled to further justify or defend what the Lord has been faithful to do on your behalf.

What does one think is worse, to be bullied, ridiculed, or condemned in a public school or in a Christian forum?

Be encouraged by the gracious words of the apostle Paul sister:

2 Corinthians 1:12 KJV For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

Romans 14:22 KJV Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

Our church has ongoing and regular monthly outreach to two major Universities in my state. We have been abundantly blessed at what the Lord is doing through our young students and children in reaching the lost.

We have seen many come to the Lord and the outreach is multi cultural. There have not been a few who have come to America from other countries for their education and finding a future and living here in this country.

Yet once they have heard the gospel and were truly saved they were compelled and burdened to return back to their own homeland to share Christ with their loved ones and friends.

As a Christian I am neither for or against public or home schooling and am at total peace in letting every man/woman be fully persuaded in their own mind and conscience.

But for those who are so self righteous that they won't do this or that, eat or not eat, or go here or there, I have one thought.

If Jesus had that same attitude, He would have never left heaven and came into this sinful, fallen, or corrupt world to die and save sinners. His command to us is to GO and DO likewise.

May God continue to bless and lead you sister Esther!

Brother Dave

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2017/4/1 1:45**

Having grown older and witnessed the waves of moral degeneration, if I think deeply about it, now that my aspirations are no longer so much for myself but the aspirations of my children, I realized that even a good home can fail.

Our children are fighting a distinct battle and a life of their own. There is point in which they are beyond our reach, except by our prayers.

Schooling was only a part of our stay here on earth, I have seen friends and acquaintances who can be a christian's dream child while at the school, but now have drifted so far away from faith.

If you can send your children to a christian school so be it and by all means, give them a good home, but even those can only do so much to be proud about. Even good achievements maybe transient, life can be so dynamic, you have to plant your feet in a stable ground or else the winds of change can tear you apart.

If I have to dream for my child, well, I heard it from a testimony of a homeless child, being asked about the most important changes that happened to her after being rescued from the brutality and abuses of the urban streets.

She said, "now I have learned to pray to God for help...",  
I guess that's it, I want my children to learn brokenness before God, that they can trust Him, especially more so in times of failures and troubles.

I know life can be brutal, a failure, or just but a chase after the wind. But like the prodigal son, I want them to remember that they have a faithful and benevolent father, where they can come home, as is, as they are.

Our spiritual journey does not stop at the school and spiritual awakenings may occur in unexpected ways, but all hangs in the faithfulness and benevolence of God. To learn in heart from faith to faith, that is the school I want for my children.

**Re: - posted by TakeUptheCross, on: 2017/4/2 14:32**

Thank you for the replies!

Savannah, I do not really have anything more to say. My prayer is really that God Himself draws the heart of the young ones to Himself and give us the grace to bring them up in the way of the Lord!

Quote:  
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Very true!

Quote:  
-----2 Corinthians 1:12 KJV For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.  
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Simplicity, godly sincerity and by the grace of God! May the Lord help us that our conversation in the world and toward each other be the same!

The grace of our Lord be with you all!