

Biblical Principles of Education

God's Word provides Christians with principles that will guide them in how to educate future generations. These principles are:

1. *The education of children and youth is the primary responsibility of parents.*
Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:18-21; Psalms 78:1-7; Psalms 127:3; Proverbs 22:6; Malachi 2:13-16; Ephesians 6:4
2. *The education of children and youth is a 24 hour-a-day, 7 days-per-week process that continues from birth till maturity.*
Deuteronomy 6:7; 11:19; Proverbs 22:6
3. *The education of children and youth must have as its primary goals the salvation of and discipleship of the next generation.*
Psalms 78:6-7; Matthew 28:19-20
4. *The education of children and youth must be based on God's Word as absolute truth.*
Matthew 24:35; Psalms 119
5. *The education of children and youth must hold Christ as preeminent in all of life.*
Colossians 2:3, 6-10
6. *The education of children and youth must not hinder the spiritual and moral development of the next generation.*
Matthew 18:6; 19:13-14; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17
7. *The education of children and youth, if and when delegated to others by parents, must be done so with utmost care to ensure that all teachers follow these principles.*
Exodus 18:21; I Samuel 1:27-28; 3:1-10
8. *The education of children and youth results in the formation of a belief system or worldview that will be patterned after the belief systems or worldviews of the person's teachers.*
Luke 6:40
9. *The education of children and youth must lead to true wisdom by connecting all knowledge to a biblical worldview frame of reference.*
Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1; Proverbs 4:5,7; 3:19; 9:10, Psalms 104:24; 136:5; Jeremiah 10:12; Romans 11:33; Luke 11:52; Colossians 2:3; 1 Corinthians 8:1; 13:8; Romans 1:28
10. *The education of children and youth must have a view of the future that includes the eternal perspective.*
Colossians 3:1-2; Matthew 6:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Acts 20:24; Hebrews 11:13; Colossians 3:23-24

11. *The education of children and youth must have as its primary focus the increase in the knowledge of God.*
John 17:3; Romans 1:20; Romans 11:33-36; Psalm 19:1-6; Ephesians 1:16-19; 3:15-19; 4:13; Philippians 1:9; 3:8-10, 13-14; Colossians 1:9-10; 2:2-3; 2 Peter 3:18; Proverbs 2:5; Hosea 4:1; 6:6; and 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
12. *The education of children and youth results in performing work in fulfillment of God's will for their lives.*
Genesis 1: 26; Matthew 6:10, 33; Ephesians 5:17; Hebrews 10:36; 13:20-21; Colossians 1:9-10; 12:1-2; Proverbs 3:5-6; 20:24
13. *The education of children and youth must be characterized by the pursuit of biblical excellence based on godly character resulting in competent performance.*
2 Corinthians 8:7, 10:12; Philippians 1:9-10, 4:8; 1 Timothy 6:11; Psalm 8:1; Ecclesiastes 9:10
14. *The education of children and youth must equip them to fulfill God's highest purpose for man to glorify Him and enjoy Him in life and eternity.*
Romans 11:36; Colossians 1:16-17; Genesis 1:26-27; Isaiah 42:8; Psalms 19:1-3; Romans 1:20; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 10:31