



Christian education is needed today more than ever! Parents are concerned about where to educate their children. There is one main question for which parents will be held accountable regarding education. The question parents must ask themselves is, "What are God's plans and desired goals for my child's education?"

God has specifically stated the how (and why) children should be educated. When parents observe this advice from the Bible they will have a better understanding of where their children should be educated. Will we, as parents, acknowledge God's guidance and accept the accountability God has assigned us?

God's Word provides the guidance through many verses. Some of those verses are listed below.

- Children's education results in the **formation of a lifestyle or world view** that is consistent with their teachers'.

A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained  
will be like his teacher.  
– Luke 6:40

- Education is not a process of 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. It is a **24 hour-a-day, seven days-a-week process** that continues from birth until maturity.

Teach them (God's laws) to your children, talking about them when you  
sit at home and when you walk along the road, and when you  
lie down and when you get up. – Deuteronomy 11:19

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

- If and when **education is delegated to others by parents**, this must be done with the utmost care.

Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live  
and the duties they are to perform. But select capable men from the people  
– men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain and appoint  
them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. – Exodus 18:20-21

- 1 Samuel 1:27-28, 3:1-10



- The education of children must have as its primary goal the salvation of and discipleship of the next generation.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. – Psalms 78:5-7

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. – Matthew 28:19-20

- The education of children must not, in any way, hinder **the spiritual and moral development** of the next generation.

But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. – Matthew 18:6

– Mark 10:13-16

- Education for children must be based on God’s Word as absolute truth.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. – Matthew 24:35

– Psalm 119

- Education must **hold Christ as preeminent** in all of life.

My purpose is that they may encourage in heart and united in love, so they may have the full riches of complete understanding in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge. – Colossians 2:2-3

In essence, God’s Word teaches us that we are accountable as parents for three main goals with our children’s education:

- to ensure our children come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior
- to help develop their God-given abilities so that they may use them in service in His Kingdom
- to teach our children to think and act from a biblical world view

Parents, we must ask, “What are God’s plans and goals for how we are to educate our children?” Then we discover the type of school where these goals can be met for educating our children. One school which provides a God-centered education focused on meeting God’s goals for our children’s education is Oakwood Christian Academy.

Oakwood Christian Academy is blessed to have such wonderful students and parents! Our staff and faculty want each student and parent to know that they make our school a special place! We need each family and are thankful for the sacrifice each family makes to build our school into a place that brings glory to God.