

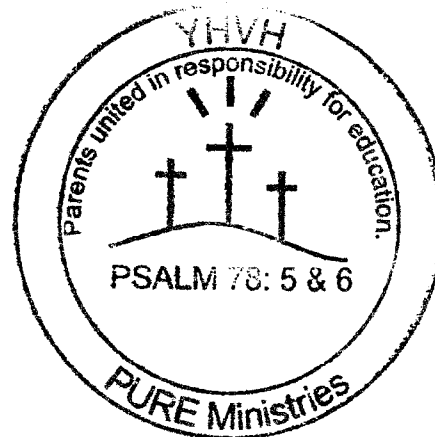
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Believes:

- That children are an heritage – a gift – from God, Who alone determines what children, and how many, to give each family.
- That parents are solely and completely responsible for the upbringing and education of their own children.
(ALL PARENTS ARE CALLED TO BE HOMESCHOOLERS!)
 - Giving children up to *any* institution for education is tantamount to giving them up for adoption.
 - Outside education should be restricted to specific skills only.
- That parents have two basic responsibilities to their children:
 - To deliver them to the kingdom of God, and
 - To lead them to a spouse with whom to carry on God's will for them to raise a new family. (Parent-led and approved courtship and betrothal.)
- That "socialization," where it has any validity, is best accomplished within the safe boundaries of the Biblical family.

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The Biblical Mandate For Parents to Educate Their Own Children

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Proverbs is replete with instruction to parents to teach or train their own children and to the children to heed their own parents' instruction. The book itself is addressed to "My son," as a father speaking to his son. The pattern is clear, as is the teaching:

My son, hear **the instruction of thy father**, and forsake not the law of thy **mother**: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. (Pr. 1:8-9)

Hear, ye children, **the instruction of a father**, and attend to know understanding. For I give you **good doctrine**, forsake ye not my law. For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. **He taught me** also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. (Pr. 4:1-4)

Hear, **O my son**, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. (Pr. 4:10)

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. (Pr. 4:20-22)

My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding. (Pr. 5:1)

Hear **me** now therefore, **O ye children**, and depart not from the words of **my** mouth. (Pr. 5:7)

My son, keep thy **father's** commandment, and forsake not the law of thy **mother**: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of **instruction** are the way of life. (Pr. 6:20-23)

My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. (Pr. 7:1)

A wise son maketh a glad **father**: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his **mother**. (Pr. 10:1)

A wise son heareth his **father's instruction**: but a scorner heareth not rebuke. (Pr. 13:1)

A fool despiseth his **father's instruction**: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent. (Pr. 15:5)

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Pr. 22:6)

Correct (instruct, teach, correct) **thy son**, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul. (Pr. 29:17)

*The **Books of the Law** command parents to teach their children:*

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you. Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but **teach them (to) thy sons**, and thy sons' sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may **teach their children**. (Deut. 4:1, 9, 10)

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt **teach them diligently unto thy children**, and

shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (Deut. 6:6-7)

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall **teach them (to) your children**, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (Deut. 11:18-19)

***David** described well-trained, home-schooled (!) children:*

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. (Psalm 127:3-5)

***Paul** instructed fathers not just in how to discipline, but in what was their responsibility towards their children to educate them:*

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but **bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord**. (Eph 6:4)

The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may **teach the young women** to be sober, to love their husbands, **to love their children**, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. (Titus 2:3-5)