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# HOME SCHOOLING: How Biblical Is It?

### By Dr. Dayton Hobbs

Add one more item to the sacred cow list of motherhood, baseball and apple pie, that is, Home Schooling.

### A Dilemma

How can one speak evil of something that seems to have the full force of Scripture on its side? But does it really, or has our defiant defense of an obvious Bible truth; that is, that the responsibility for the child's education lies with the parents, caused us to jump to a conclusion that is not so obvious in Scriptural teaching; that is, that the parents themselves are to be their children's teachers in what we know as their formal or academic education?

### Parents As Teachers

No one will deny, I believe, that the parents, especially the mother, are the child's first and most important teachers especially in the early years, prior to formal schooling. Those who have had any experience in teaching children will also agree, I believe, that the support and backing of the home is the single, most important ingredient for success in formal classroom setting; however, as clearly as the Scriptures seem to teach that parents must be held responsible for the child's total education, in many places in the Scripture it is clear that the parents themselves did not give the specific instruction. More often than not the Scriptures seem to indicate that children were taught in groups or by individual tutors, but in neither case directly by the parents themselves.

### The Proper Roll Of Home Schooling

Please do not misunderstand me. I believe there are situations when Home Schooling is the proper answer. These might include:

- (1) Missionaries who labor in secluded areas where no other acceptable schooling is available.
- (2) Parents who are located in areas where Christian schools are not

- available, or are not of acceptable quality.
- (3) Other extreme situations such as the teaching of a handicapped child, etc.

It is my conviction that there is a distinct advantage in a child having the opportunity to sit under godly teachers with other students as opposed to being taught all day every day, year after year, by mother (most dads work) who before the school day begins and then after the school day closes must take on her role as mother to carry out the myriad duties that roll entails.

### The Evidence Of Scripture

I do believe that the Scriptures indicate different scenarios for these two divisions of a child's education: (1) The years at mother's knee learning all the very important things that a child learns by age 3 or 4 and (2) The years of formal training, which includes the mastery of the various disciplines important to a productive adulthood. SEE SCHOOLING, PAGE 7

## The Case For Standards In The Christian School

Having left Christian Education after several years as a seemingly Christian school successful administrator in a large Christian school, a man remarked to me that he was, "tired of making boys get their hair cut." I have to confess that I know the feeling expressed by this ex-administrator; however, perhaps we are approaching standards from the wrong perspective. Instead regarding them as necessary evils and simply trying to abide them, we should see the value and opportunity they present to build Christian character in the lives of our students when they are approached objectively and used wisely.

### Standards Resist Satan's Attack

Isa. 59:19b, "... when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." If we view them as an

opportunity to resist the onslaught of Satan's attack, maybe the use of standards will take on a new perspective.

### Standards To Be Displayed

Ps. 60:4, "Thou hast given a banner (standard) to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth."

### Struggle and Conflict

Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines a standard in this way: (2) "That which is established by sovereign power as a rule of measure by which others are to be adjusted." Sovereign power is power that comes from God; power that is duly constituted and administered by those delegated by God for its use. All authority comes from God, and delegated power is just as sovereign as absolute power, which God alone wields. It is proper, then, for

students who attend a Christian school, operating with the backing and support of the homes from which these children come to "be adjusted" to the rules and regulations as set up by that school. This adjustment may lead to some struggles and conflicts, but as students yield willingly to these something standards wonderful happens; character is developed, for character development is a fruit of struggle and conflict properly responded to.

### Approving Excellence

Phil. 1:9-10a, "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in (real) knowledge and in all judgment (spiritual discernment); that ye may approve things that are excellent. . . ." Excellence is the watchword for the Christian. Mediocrity is not acceptable. We SEE STANDARDS, PAGE 2

## Editor's Desk

Dr. Dayton Hobbs

Every year it seems the Devil has some special attack in his arsenal for the ministry of Grace Fellowship Church and its related ministries. Sometimes it is a new approach, at least for this ministry, and sometimes it's and old attack with a new twist. That is the case this year. The old attack is arson, which we have weathered before, but this fall we have had three different set fires doing close to \$100,000 worth of damage.

First, it was our two guest trailers. Fortunately, the fire department arrived in time to save one of them before too much damage occurred. The other was a total loss with no insurance.

Next, they burned an old horse stable which was no longer in use for housing horses, but was full of storage items, which we hated to lose.

The third fire (each of these came a couple of weeks apart) was the costly one; our day care facility was burned to the ground. Housed in this area were our two piano studios and the Home Economics room. This loss totaled about \$85,000, and again because it was a wooden frame structure and insurance rates were beyond our ability to pay, there was no insurance coverage. All our other buildings are masonry block and are insured.

Thus far no arrests have been made, and we are concerned that these arsonists will hit us again. We are sure the Lord means this all for good. We had some classrooms that were not being used; therefore, the day care is being housed in these rooms, at least until the Lord provides a new facility. Parents and friends have been very helpful in supplying items needed to operate the day care; however, there are quite a few larger items such as a refrigerator, a washer and dryer, and about 75 cots at about \$30 apiece that are still needed.

The day care enrollment has not dropped at all, and for that we especially thank the Lord.

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### Successful Fall Conference and Preaching Tour

Mrs. Hobbs and I were on the road for about six weeks this fall speaking in Christian school conventions and in churches. It was a tremendous fall for us personally, and especially for the ministry of the Children's Bible Club, as many hundreds of "Aunt Carolyn's" books were put into the hands of teachers and children's workers to be used in winning and training boys and girls for Christ. It was so good to get into some areas of the country that we had not been in for some years, and to see old friends and make many new ones. We were especially thrilled to see the excellent work being done by many of the Christian schools which we visited. The Christian School movement may not be all that it should and could be for Christ, but it is very clear, at least to me, that God has indeed raised it up for this day. Thank God for the Christian School movement!

### Letters

Dear Brethren,

Thank you for the recent issue of The PROJECTOR and your summary of the Bill Gothard-Basic Youth Conflicts. Your keeping this heresy before the public is of vital concern to warn the Believers. Then your summary, though brief of M&M Clinic was worthwhile but it only scraped the tip of the iceberg. That teaching is disasterous.

About two years ago this past January Dr. James Kennedy on his TV program inteviewed Dr. WM. Kirk Kilpatrick, Assoc. Prof. of Phy. at the Boston Univ., Boston. While this man is a R.C., his book Psychological Seduction, the failure of modern Psy., is worthwhile and shows the devastation this teaching has caused in the R.C. establishment. Book pub. by Nelson.

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I am enclosing a small gift that I trust will be used to further your minstry for Christ.

Mrs. J.O., TN

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must not put our stamp of approval upon anything that is not excellent. There obviously may be room for some disagreement among sincere and honest Christians as to what is excellent; however, if there is any doubt we need to be sure we are on the safe side. Standards don't change -- styles do!

### The Ideal In Any Area

A standard then is the ideal or best in any given area. Let's look at some Scripture standards.

- (1) Matt. 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." How's that for a standard? Can we reach it? No. Do we then lower it? No. We don't lower standards, especially those that God establishes.
- (2) I John 2:1b, "... these things write I unto you, that ye sin not..." In this life we certainly will not reach this standard; however, we must not be satisfied with anything less.
- (3) I Cor. 9:24, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain."
- (4) I John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

My point in all these Scripture references is that God sets standards for us, and in our submission to His obvious authority to set these standards we grow and develop as His children.

### For Their Benefit

Our standards in the Christian School must be designed to accomplish the same purpose in our students' lives as God's standards accomplish in our lives. To eliminate or disregard standards because they are difficult to enforce or because the students don't like them is to default in our responsibility as a pastor, administrator, or teacher. Standards can produce a positive result in our young folks' lives when carefully and wisely conceived and administered.

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Christ As Our Standard Are Standards Legalistic? The Christian School As A Standard--And More

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# Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY



David was a man's man -- rough, ready, dauntless, aggressive, eager to do battle when God's cause was at stake. Men of like metal wanted to follow such a leader. observed his valor in the presence of the cruel and jealous King Saul. They had watched him on the battlefield with sword, shield, and buckler as he led the charge headlong into enemy ranks. Their voices had joined in when his strong voice had led the shout of victory as the foe went down.

No wonder mighty men -- men of strength, men of war, heroes of military achievement in their own right -- rallied to David's side when he was at last established as king They were few in over Israel. number, but each was like a host in himself. So mighty were they that the writer of Chronicles listed them by name with their gallant deeds. What a stirring sight it must have been as those heroes gathered around the young chieftain volunteering their lives to his service. No one doubted the dedication or loyalty of these gallant volunteers, but it was soon to be proved in an extraordinary way.

Battle weary and exhausted, David had retreated to the hold of a cave to rest from the battle. Overcome with heat, thirst, and fatigue, his mind turned in memory to his boyhood home in Bethlehem and the old well there. It was that special place where he had gone as a boy for water -- cool, clear, refreshing water. He remembered how delicious it tasted. He remembered how often he had gone to that well after a long day's work or after a fierce battle with a bear or lion in defense of his father's sheep. It seemed to him that nothing could refresh a tired, dehydrated body like the water from the well at Bethlehem.

Lying on the hard ground, David longed for that water. without thinking and certainly without any dream of really obtaining it, he gave a deep inner sigh and breathed, "Oh, that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that is at the gate!"

That's all it took, just the expression of their chief's desire, and three brave men determined he should have it at all hazard or cost! No doubt the king wished he could retract his words when he realized where they had gone, but it was too Although it seemed an impossible task, his desire was their command, and the three set out on their perilous mission.

The Philistine army was spread out for battle all across the valley of Rephaim. They had entrenched and fortified themselves on the battlefield between Bethlehem and David's hold. But the Philistine's barricade and fierce opposition was only a challenge to these valiant three. Quickly plotting their strategy, they rushed out under the cover of darkness and broke past the posts on duty and through the enemy lines. At times crawling on their stomachs or crouching behind trees, sometimes dashing into covert places or breaking through open territory, sometimes rising up against a Philistine guard thrusting him through with razor-sharp sword before the fiend could sound an alarm, sometimes wrestling down by brute force a stout Philistine and with a guick, powerful stab silencing the hostile foe's attempt to thwart their mission, they fought relentlessly toward their goal -- the well of Bethlehem. Blood flowed and danger threatened their treacherous passage, but somehow the mighty three got through enemy lines, secured the precious water and fought their way back to the hold without spilling a drop!

Bloody and exhausted yet triumphant in their mission they accomplished, presented themselves before their king with the flask of crystal clear water purchased at such sacrifice. David's heart bowed in humility, his noble spirit was so touched by this evidence of deep devotion to himself that he could not, would not drink it. "My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? For with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it." He dared not consider himself worthy of such honor. David, the Lord alone was worthy of such dedication and sacrifice, so he poured the water out as an offering, a love-gift to the Lord.

In David's day, people worshipped God by offering meat offerings and drink offerings, so David's act was one of humility, gratitude, and worship to the Lord. Since Christ has died for our sins, we no longer bring such offerings to Him, but we may show our love and gratitude by humbly offering ourselves to His service, by giving of our means to His work and ministry, by meeting the

needs of others in His name and for His sake. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:40) We may give the Gospel to precious unsaved people; we may give physical food or clothing to needy persons; we may show care and attention to the lonely; we may put our lives on the line for the cause of Christ in our homeland or on the foreign mission field. Whatever our offering, let us put away self and put Jesus Christ first in true sacrifice to Him. Let us not devote our lives to earthly gain, popularity, or self satisfaction, but let us dedicate ourselves to nothing less, to no one less than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. May God raise up some valiant young people, some "mighty men" and women for His cause in this present day.

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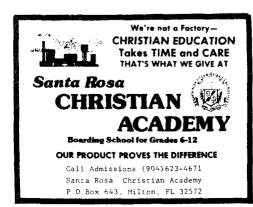
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This can be accomplished by bringing in folks from your church who were there in those early and probably difficult days. Many elderly folks have stories to tell about how God provided, which would bless and strengthen young hearts. If young people are made aware of the times of difficulty and trials, they will have greater appreciation for blessings in your ministry which they now enjoy. I Chronicles 16:12 says. "Remember his marvellous works that He hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth."

The young people of your ministry will probably want to participate in the Founder's Day celebration by expressing their thanks through stories, poems, or special music. Even the youngest children can participate by drawing pictures of their school or of the founder of the school. These items are cherished by the founder and his family.

Most ministries have old pictures, films, or slides of their early days. These could be put into display form and exhibited on Founder's Day. Everyone enjoys a "look back" and seeing the Church leaders with youthful appearances.

A Founder's Day celebration causes us to look back but also reminds us to look ahead. We ought to honor the men who began our ministries for doing what God wanted them to do. These men are heroes, and in today's society, our children need to know about faithful men who serve God above themselves.



### THE WORD OF GOD: PUBLIC SCHOOLS WANT IT OUT!

school officials Recently. Portland, Maine agreed to remove an "offensive" biblical passage from the Portland High School auditorium.

The inscription above the stage area in the auditorium reads, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15.

According to Assistant Superintendent of Schools, David Legage, school officials are more than willing to remove the verse of Scripture, for it served no practical Portland attorney, Seth purpose. Berner, who brought the verse to the attention of school officials, wants the inscription covered until it can be completely removed in an upcoming school renovation. Berner claims that students in the high school have been exposed to religious indoctrination as a result of viewing the verse of Scripture.

In Mentor, Ohio, public school officials reprimanded a teacher for having the Word of God in open view of the students. Although the Bible was never opened or referred to in the teacher's classes, the principal stated that the very presence of the Bible on the teacher's desk violated the intents and designs of the public high school with respect to the separation of Church and State.

The public schools have not failed in their attempt to take the very thought of the Word of God from the minds of students all across this land. Horace Mann would be proud of the job public schools have done to rid "education" of the truths of the Scripture.

The hatred of the Word will become more and more aggressive as we draw nearer to the Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. TB

### AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL CONSTITUTION?

Yes, having students recite Rhode Island's state constitution is unconstitutional, claims the American Civil Liberties Union.

A school committee has passed a resolution in Cranston that calls for the formation of a study committee to determine whether reciting the state's preamble to the constitution is legal.

But the ACLU has already offered its opinion.

"There's no question in my mind that it's blatantly unconstitutional," ACLU Director Steven Brown told UPI.

The one-sentence preamble reads:

"We, the people of the State of and Providence Island Rhode Plantations, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors to secure and to transmit the same, unimpaired, to succeeding generations, do ordain and establish this Constitution of government."

Defending the reading, School Chairman Joseph Committee Medeiros, Jr., said, "I think the should learn their students constitution. How far do we go? Should we take all coins from them because they say, 'In God We Trust'?"

> -Fundamentalist Journal, 12/87

### "MOTHER GOD" OKAY FOR UNITED METHODISTS

In September of this year, the United Methodists hymnal committee agreed on two songs that give reference to God as "Mother." desire of Methodist hymnal publishers was to produce a hymnal that embraced as many Methodists as possible.

This feminine imagery of God is from the very pits of Hell. The Word of God truly declares His masculinity and to compromise Scripture so as to "embrace as many Methodists as possible" sends a chill down the spine of every true believer. To live in the last days is to desire even more the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to take us from this sin-ridden world. TB

### •••••• Romans 8:28

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### SCHOOLING, FROM PAGE 1 Daniel And Friends

In Daniel 1:3-4, the Scriptures indicate that Israel's finest certainly received much more complete education than could have been received at home. "And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should 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."

#### Samuel

We know that after approximately three years at Hannah's knee, Samuel was turned over to Eli and lived the rest of his growing years in the temple, undoubtedly taught by Eli and others the more formal knowledge that he would need to carry out his very important role as Prophet and Priest. ISam. 24-28 - "And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young. And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth ne shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there."

### Tutors and Governors

Gal. 4:1, 2 - "Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father." This New Testament Scripture gives us the picture of the training of kings' sons. Certainly, if it was proper and advantageous for the kings' sons to be taught in this way, by tutors and (superior servants responsible for the care of underage children), it would be the proper way for the teaching of all other Jewish children to be done.

The thrust of Scripture seems to indicate that the better approach to formal education (that education which is to be undertaken after the early years at mother's knee) is best done by persons other than mother -for whatever reasons.

I, for one, am very much concerned about the modern Home Schooling movement. In the next issue we will attempt to point out some of its obvious pitfalls, such as the fact that the movement is largely of a neo-evangelical persuasion and that mothers by and large do not do a very good job of disciplining their children before and after school presently, and discipline is the key to education.

### Worlds Apart

When we write articles that point out the error in the direction of certain men and movements of our time, I always know that we will receive letters from those who agree with our position and that we will receive a good number of letters from those who disagree with us. It is not so much that they disagree with the position we take as, for the most part, these individuals do not even understand the issues. Their objection is usually to our writing about other men, especially when we name names. as we usually do. These same men and/or women would very likely have written their objections to Paul, John, and other writers of Scripture for naming names as they so often did. It is my contention that it does little good to give an uncertain sound when we warn the saints of God who are leading the flock into dangerous areas.

Below are excerpts from two letters I received from preachers in They obviously the same town. express two different points of view.

### A Word Of Encouragement

Dear Friends.

Keep up the good work. Enclosed is a little something to help.

> The Lord Bless You, D.S.

### A Wordy Rebuke

Dear Editor,

As a young minister of the gospel, it is externely discouraging to me to see veteran preachers spend their energies attempting to destroy God's men and God's works. As Dr. Lee Roberson once said, "The church is not hindered so much by the woodpeckers on the outside, but by the termites on the inside." very true of today's "Fundamental Perspective." There seems to be a movement sweeping our country of which preacher can be the boldest in denouncing men that have faithfully proclaimed the gospel over the years. I find it very difficult to understand the reasoning behind PHARISEEISM!

Speaking of your paper, that would be an appropriate name for such a publication. I suggest that you change the name before the next issue to "The Pharisaical Projector!" As I am sure that you know, being such an "authority" on the Word of God, the Pharisees were concerned with the LETTER of the law, not the SPIRIT. All that you have simply done is to judge wrongfully and unscripturally some of the greatest men of God of our generation. Now we as believers have grounds for differing on matters



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of preference, but not for grounds of debating these issues in public forum! You are doing nothing but hindering the work of God in choosing this Dr. Fred Brown, Dr. Don Jennings, Dr. Warren Wiersbe, Dr. Johnson, and the great Jimmie Christian institution known Temple University, the Tennesse "Mecca Of Fundamentalism," have all been sinfully criticized in your paper. You sir, should be openly rebuked for such slanderous treatment of people and places that have been so influential in the lives of thousands down through the years.

It is tragic to know that preachers of the gospel have become preachers of gossip by virtue of letting their own flesh control their thought pattern. The spirit of God does not lead individuals to publically harass men of God that are accountable only to Him. I find no scripture that leads a person to openly attack the position of another man of God or institution in the areas that you do. If you choose to disagree with someone else of like faith, why sir can you not do that privately? Then you will be satisfied with your own personal position, and the work of God will go unhindered. To say that is your responsibility to openly reveal these matters does nothing to build up the cause of Christ! I just cannot understand why so many of today's preachers willfully and irresponsibly violate this standard of Christian decency and scriptural love "for the brethren."

Furthermore, what is the reason for donating valuable resources of the Lord to harmful criticism when you

could publish reports from the mission field or revival crusades where God has marvelously worked in the lives of people? This would allow your publication to become profitable in its entirety. As with the present format, I would not spend one second reading your message on "Our Need Supplier" after looking at the remainder of the paper. I have NO confidence whatsoever in a proclaimer of God's Word that is usurping the authority of God Almighty in trying to judge some of His chosen servants!

I have just joined the staff here.... I am a graduate of Tennessee Temple (1979).... I was saved under the preaching ministry of Dr. J. Harold I have been in full-time Christian work for the last eight years. By no means have I "arrived" in the area of spiritual maturity. That is why I take the time to receive valuable input from Christian periodicals that cross my desk. We are here to support one another in the ministry of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was tremendous to know that your alma mater has decided to put down a few weapons and invite the Sword of the Lord Conference to be held at BJU. This is very admirable of Dr. Bob III. He seems to desire unity among the brethren with his appauded efforts in bringing together the many different factions of "Fundamentalists." prayer is that more veteran leaders of this movement will lay down their guns in fighting their own platoons, and begin to recognize that our "spiritual warfare 15 against wickedness in high places." When this starts to occur, then America can be turned back to God. Until that time,

we must learn to disagree agreeably, and not ARGUABLY. May I repeat, that does 0 for the cause of Christ! If you have personal disagreements with the aforementioned individuals, let God handle them as He desires! Stick to the work that God "called" you topreaching divine truth, not proclaiming human preferences! I believe that you will then see the blessings of God become more fruitful on your ministry.

Our school is not a member of As long as you represent FAACS. heresy in your publications, and are a Vice-President of this organization, we will not pledge a dime to joining this group. We want no part of such unscriptural criticism on the part of of the leaders of FAACS. We are an associate member of ACSI, and are thankful for the lack of such sinful on part of these phariseeism "Evangelicals." By no means are we in agreement with every participating member of this educational body, but we are in agreement with This is mainstream issues. foundation for our fellowship, the mainstream. If you would stay out of polluted creeks and ditches of criticism, unfounded then your ministry could be more Christ-honoring....

Rev. J. K., FL

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