

# WHAT IS (IN) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

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# A FORTUNE IN THE HANDS OF A FOOL IS A GREAT MISFORTUNE....OLD ADAGE

## 1. NO IGNORANCE..!

- Education can serve either Sin or Righteousness. Cannot serve two masters. **Lover one and hate the other** (Matt 6: 24;33 Luke 16:13)
- Education must serve the purpose of redemption
- Parents/ teachers must learn the way to be taught –Pro 22:6
- You cannot give what you don't have...
- Christian education is founded on virtues and values. We must become new –Col 3.; Gal 5:22; eph 5:9 ..the NEW MAN. Self control, patience, forbearance, gentleness and love. This is beyond merely possessing facts. EGW Ed: 15
- Christian education in life long learning

## 2. Start Early...

- ❑ Education reflects **both religious** and **non**-religious life... Joseph, Moses and Daniel. Leaders per excellence in Evil Places. Jesus, raised in Nazareth, but was pure. John 1: 46...
- ❑ Appeal to intellect and ability to control all **one's powers** including appetite! Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. Self control Gal. 5
- ❑ The mind ought to control the body and not the reverse
- ❑ Move from reason to principle. Principles don't change. Joseph refused to sin against GOD and he rewarded him with control over all things –Gen 39; 41:14

## Christian Education is Supplementary Safety...

- ❑ Our education should takeover as supplementary safety: we must be able to think and purpose. Psalm 17:3; Daniel 1:8
- ❑ Education overcomes the herd instinct... everybody else is doing it... step out of the crowd and think for yourself... no band wagons.
- ❑ Education is no class act... make judgment and have an opinion. Think for yourself... in view of the facts
- ❑ Parents should be **mind** and **judgement** for their child(ren)! Only guide and counsel!
- ❑ Allow growth of thought, self respect, confidence and ability to perform
- ❑ Guide the will of children. Don't force. This is the way of GOD. Gen 3

## Gains and Losses: an input output relationship...

- Through **love and compassion**, good education must enable power for firm principle
- Win the **confidence** of children... the opposite applies
- Love and happiness are key instructional materials
- GOD is love (1 John 4:8;4:12).
- Love conquers all (Romans 13;8/10)
- Nature is an ever present teacher; see nature and be wise Proverbs 6:6
- Nature is not lazy. Proverbs 6:9

## Honest Labour is Honourable

- ❑ GOD designs that our minds should not be purposeless, but should accomplish good in life (Exo 20:9; Eccl 9:10)
- ❑ We must learn to persevere in difficult and disheartening circumstances (Psalm 59:2)
- ❑ All must be to the honour and glory of GOD (Eccl 12:14; 1 Cor 10:31; Phil 2:11)
- ❑ The fear /respect of the LORD is all we need. Seek ye first the kingdom of GOD. All else shall be added to you. Matt 6
- ❑ The children of GOD have good understanding Prov 9:10; Psalm 111:10/9:10