

ideas. But if most of what is in their heads denies or ignores me, they are not being trained for me and my Kingdom, but for their enemy and mine!”

**Parent:** “But Lord, our school was different! We had nine Christian teachers, and our principal was Christian too!”

**God:** “And did those 9 Christian teachers and the Christian principal place Christ at the center of all they taught? Or did their teaching suggest that my Christ and his kingdom are one of many possibilities? Did they essentially follow the government imposed curriculum that either ignores my existence or actively denies me? I know that in America teachers are required by law, and by the contract they sign, not to teach about me, my Christ, and my kingdom. Did they obey those laws and fulfill the covenant contract they signed?”

**Parent:** “But Lord, I had to work and so I needed the Federal babysitter, or I mean government school! I had no options!”

### **God Will Help Us**

When it comes time for you to give account to the Lord for the stewardship of your children how will the conversation go? Surely it is sin for Christian parents to give their children to the pagans (those who “refused to receive Christianity”) to be trained by them. Surely it is sin for pastors to ignore this great sin in their congregation. Surely we, the people of God must repent and call upon God to help us walk a new path in the training of our children. God forgives confessed and repented sin, but he who covers his transgressions will not prosper (Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9). We, God’s Church, must raise our children Christianly. Those parents sending their children to the pagan government school system must deliver them from that system. Christians with the ability to help (financial, educational, time, service) should help their fellow Christian parents in educating God’s children Christianly. Grandparents should try to help in the education of their grandchildren (teaching, finances, time, childcare, meal preparation, housekeeping, etc.).

**Pastors** must call their congregations to repentance. It is just plain wrong for Christian parents to give their children to pagans (those who “refused to receive Christianity”) to be educated! Nowhere in Scripture do we have a word or example directing us to do so. On the contrary the Scripture teaches us to conform our thinking to the Christian worldview, bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, being not conformed to this world, but transformed (2 Cor. 10:5; Rom. 12:1-2). Pastors are required by God to warn their people to walk in the right way. Pastoral silence on this subject is culpable (Isa. 56:10-11; 62:6-7; Jer. 6:17-19).

**Fellow Christian,** let us call on the Lord and humbly ask him to grant us repentance and the ability to walk a new path in the training of our children. God intends for your children to “possess the gates of their enemies” but they cannot do it if they are trained by the enemy (Genesis 22:17; Isaiah 2:6).

### **A Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, forgive us for how we have failed in educating our own children and in how we the Christian community have failed to help our fellow Christians to educate the children you have given us. Grant us your help to walk a new path that we and our children might truly be the salt of the earth, a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. For Jesus sake and his name we pray. Amen!

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# Government Schools, Parents & Kids



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As Christian parents, the care of our children is central to the blessing and preservation of Christ's church (Isaiah 2:6). Perhaps the most powerful influence infiltrating the Church today and for the past several generations can be found in this, that approximately 85% of Christian children attend the government schools. Of these 85% who attend government schools, more than 80% drop out of church shortly after graduating high school. It is clear that the government school system is very effective in killing the faith of Christian children.

Because we parents will be held responsible for how we raise our children and for the influences we allow to shape their lives we need to carefully consider what we are doing. Our children do not belong to us (Ezekiel 16:21), they are a stewardship from God. Our God has clearly instructed Christian parents to "bring them up in the fear (training) and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

What will we say to the Lord when he calls us to account? Consider this possible conversation between a parent and God –

**God:** "Did you bring your children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord?" With a feeling of accomplishment that parent might answer,

**Parent:** "Yes Lord, they went to Sunday school and attended church Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night, a total of 6 hours a week!" I imagine the conversation might continue something like this –

**God:** "How much time were they taught by the pagan (those who "refused to receive Christianity"; Webster 1828) unbelieving government school system?"

**Parent:** "Well Lord, Monday through Friday it was 6 or 7 hours each day. And sometimes on Saturday they attended special government school events, games, or activities. Let's see, that is a total of not less than 30 hours a week."

**God:** "But I asked you to train your children "diligently" in Christian living and worldview from the time you get up in the morning until the time you go to bed, when you sit

in your house, and when you travel (Deuteronomy 6; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33). By the way, when your children traveled on the school bus, were they shown a godly example and were they learning the Christian worldview or were they learning the ways of the pagans? You do remember that I told you not to learn the ways of the unbelievers don't you? (Deut. 18:9; Jer. 10:2) From morning to sunset your children are to be taught to love God with all their hearts. They should be instructed in Christian truth and true knowledge of the universe I created (science, history, the arts, socialization, even mathematics; 2 Tim. 3:15). They can only learn true knowledge if I and my Son Jesus Christ are at the center of that knowledge (Col. 2:3; Heb. 1:3). You do realize that science is not real science unless I, the Creator of all things, am placed at the center and as the foundation, don't you? You do realize that history is not real history unless it is studied with this principle in mind – I, God, am sovereign over history; nations rise and fall based on how they respond to me, and my Son Jesus Christ (Psalm 2). Unless history is taught within the context of the fact that I have an overall plan for history, and that not even a bird falls to the ground apart from me, it is not true history, but only many facts disjoined from reality (Matthew 10:29). Were your children taught history with me, the Lord over history in the very forefront of the instruction they received? And socialization, I hear there is a lot of concern about socialization these days – were they taught how to conduct themselves as Christians during those 30 hours a week? Were they being taught and also given living examples of how to live in purity? (1 Tim. 4:12) Or were they taught the pluralistic view that purity is ok but is only one of many possible options? Did your children become well informed about the ways of the unbelievers or were they "babes" when it comes to evil? (1 Cor. 14:20) Yes, socialization is important to my Kingdom. Were the boys and young men taught and admonished to look with purity upon the girls and young ladies, to treat them respectively as sisters? (1 Tim. 5:2) Were the girls encouraged to dress in a modest manner so as not to encourage lust in the young men? You know young men naturally struggle with such challenges and don't need any help from scantily dressed girls. Yes, socialization is important. Were they socialized in godliness,

or did they learn to pattern themselves after the pagans (those who "refused to receive Christianity")?

**Parent:** "Yes, Lord, our kids do look and act a bit like the average public school kid. We knew there might be some risks, but we remembered your Great Commission, and wanted our kids to witness to their friends!"

**God:** "Did I give the Great Commission to children? Don't you realize there is a great battle going on in the world?"

**Parent:** "Yes Lord, we sent our little soldiers out to the battle every weekday. After all, you don't want us to keep them sheltered do you?"

**God:** "I wanted your children to go to war, but I wanted them to be trained and matured for warfare first. Let's think together a moment. Would you place guns in the hands of your grade school sons and daughters and send them to the front lines in a war against grown men? I know you would not. But isn't that what you have done with my children whom you sent into the pagan (those who "refused to receive Christianity") government school? Isn't it apparent that the government schools are a major weapon in the war against me and my kingdom? You sent them right into the enemy's training camp, and statistically the larger percentage of Christian kids who go to the government school training camps end up denying their Christian faith. You would not send children to the front lines in a war, but you sent them into the middle of a more crucial war. In this war, the enemy has your child in the sights of his gun. Let's think further, is a child able to stand against adult teachers with the experience of years, the training of college, accumulated knowledge, and a place of credibility and authority that often rivals or exceeds the parent's in the eyes of the child? Does a child have the ability to discern when a false premise is made and false conclusions drawn? Does the child have the ability to counter philosophic arguments that rule me, God, out of my universe (history, science, etc.)? Teachers of my children whom you have on loan from me, should train my children to bring every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ, my Son (2 Corinthians 10:5). I want your children to be trained so they eventually can counter false