

Teaching From a Christian Worldview

by Dr. Jay L. Wile, Ph.D.

Qualifications

- Helped Develop Indiana's Only Residential High School for Gifted and Talented Students
- NSF-Sponsored Scientist with More Than \$200,000 In Research Grants
- Became Interested in Homeschooling Because of Excellent University Students Who Were Homeschooled
- Currently writes homeschooling materials through Berean Builders
- Is an adjunct professor at Anderson University

Why Teach From a Christian Worldview?

Scripture tells us it is our duty to train children properly:

“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

-Proverbs 22:6

The Lord is the source of ALL truth, whether it is spiritual or academic.

Imagine trying to teach a class on U.S. Law without mentioning the U.S. Constitution. It might be possible, but it would be absurd.

The Father of the Scientific Method Understood That Very Well

“For the grace of faith illuminates greatly, as also do divine inspirations, not only in things spiritual, but in things corporeal and in the sciences of philosophy...”

-Roger Bacon

Children need to learn to evaluate all things according to Scripture. This is critical for them to develop a Biblical Worldview.

It makes talking about the Lord much more natural in your family.

When the Lord is a part of what is being learned during “schooltime,” children find it natural to talk about spiritual things all the time, not just on Sunday.

It shows your children what's really important.

Excerpt from an email written by a student homeschooled with a Christian worldview:

I came out of [my Christian homeschool] with the desire to learn even more, with an **awesome relationship with God**, with strong relationships with my family (you'll realize

how important that really is), with more maturity (than my peers), with solid character, strong morals, values, and standards, and with true friendships...**I think that, by homeschooling, I was able to escape the superficiality that's so predominant in the public school scene**, and build on the areas and friendships that would (and have) last(ed). I am so blessed to have the parents I have...Not many are willing to give up their time so their kids can have the ultimate experience in education, and I have many friends who wished theirs would've. **Don't take it for granted. It's one of the greatest gifts you'll ever receive!**

It often makes the subject *a lot* more interesting for the student.

“The significance and joy in my science comes in those occasional moments of discovering something new and saying to myself, ‘So that’s how God did it.’ My goal is to understand a little corner of God’s plan.”

-Dr. Henry F. Schaefer, III

Imagine Doing That With All Subjects!

History: So that’s how God worked it out!

Math: So that’s how God accounted for everything!

Art: So that’s one way we can celebrate God!

Economics: So that’s how God wants us to deal with money!

Language: So that’s how we can talk about God with others!

How Do We Accomplish This?

It doesn’t happen overnight.

It’s best to start with set a curriculum that has been developed with all of this in mind.

Fortunately, there are a lot of choices out there, because Christian Home Education has been around for a long, long time.

Pretty quickly, you will learn what works for your family and what doesn’t.

Once that happens, keep what works and replace what doesn’t.

Examples of set curricula

My Father’s World (K-12): www.mfwbooks.com

Sonlight (K-12): www.sonlight.com

The Good and the Beautiful (K-8): www.goodandbeautiful.com

Classical Conversations (K-12): classicalconversations.com

A Few Things to Keep in Mind

Homeschooling allows you to tailor your children's education. Thus, if something isn't working, CHANGE IT!

Don't worry about "getting behind." If a curriculum isn't working, changing to a new one will be better in the long run.

What works for one of your children isn't guaranteed to work for the others.

The Most Important Thing

Christian homeschooling is **NOT** primarily about academics.

What is Christian Homeschooling Really About?

1. It's about your child's spiritual development.
2. It's about strengthening your relationship with your child.
3. It's about helping your child learn God's plan for him or her, **which might not be your plan for her!**
4. It is a lifestyle.