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Growth – Education (Learning, Development)

Christians are the epitome of life-long learners

Matthew 28

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

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Education (correctly understood) = a broader and deeper grasp of truth

Therefore, at its core, education is a broader and deeper knowledge of God and His ways

Education that doesn't yield development (growth/change) is as valuable as a screen door on a submarine (not just useless, actually dangerous)

James 1 - 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

Growth in what direction?

Romans 8:29 " ... for those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son ..."

"I am afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the heart of the youth" - Martin Luther

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) "Train up a child in the way he should go; ..."

Deuteronomy 11 (NIV) 18 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk

along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 20 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, 21 so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

4 Biblical Levels of Authority/Responsibility/Government:

- 1. Individual
 - 2. Family
 - 3. Church
- 4. Civil/National

4 Basic Education Models:

- 1. Public governmentally run
- Private religious or secular
 Homeschool
- 4. A Hybrid of some of the above (virtual/online physical)

World View (foundational belief system)

- 1. Where did we come from? (origin)
 - 2. Why are we here? (purpose)
 - 3. What should we do? (morality)
 - 4. Where are we going? (destiny)

Biblical world-view = truth

Biblical world-view

Humanism (Evolution)

Marxism

- 1. Model the heart of a learner
- 2. Learn/discern with your children
 - 3. Pray for:
 - Safety
 - Truth to prevail
- Individuals (teachers, administrators, students, families)
 - 4. Volunteer