

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2-28-10 AM NOTES
"A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW OF EDUCATION"
PSALM 127:3-5
#7 in Series, "A Biblical Worldview"

Worldview – "The underlying belief system held by an individual that determines his or her attitudes and actions in life."

- Glen Schultz

Luke 2:52 (NKJV) "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

Education – "The process by which children and youth develop knowledge, skills, ability and character especially through formal instruction, training and study."

- Glen Shultz

Education – The process of teaching and learning.

I. The Purpose of Education

A. God Is Glorified when Teaching the Gospel Leads to Conversion to Christ

B. God Is Glorified when We See Him in Every Subject of Study

II. The History of Education

"Truth for Christ and the Church"

- The original motto for Harvard

"Everyone shall consider the main end of his life and studies to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life".

- The original mission of Harvard

"Cursed be all learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ."

- Dr. John Witherspoon, President of Princeton

"Basically, the McGuffey Readers directed persons to live for salvation – for eternal life with God in another world – a life goal connected closely to righteousness."

- Dr. John Westerhoff III

III. The State of Public Education

“He [John Dewey] recast intellectual inquiry as a form of mental evolution, and said it should proceed on the same pattern as biological evolution: by posing problems and then letting students construct their own answers based on what works best – a kind of mental adaptation to the environment. Teachers are not instructors but ‘facilitators’ guiding students as they try out various pragmatic strategies to discover what works for them. Of course, this is inherently relativistic: After all, what works for me may not work for you. (In fact, it might not even work for *me* all the time.) Thus pragmatism inevitably leads to a pluralism of beliefs, all of them transient and none of them eternally or universally true.”

- Nancy Pearcey

“...giving schoolchildren knowledge without a fixed standard of truth is dangerous. Whenever you get information without a standard, then *you* determine how to use that information. That’s how you come up with a Dr. Kevorkian. The reason we are spending more money than ever on education and getting fewer positive results in terms of children’s lives is not because the information is bad or the teachers are bad. It is because the schools are caught in a worldview crisis.”

- Tony Evans

IV. The Responsibility for Education

1 Timothy 3:2 (NKJV) “...able to teach”.

Deuteronomy 4:9 (NKJV) "Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren”.

Deuteronomy 6:7 (NKJV) “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”