

Life is *NOT* turning out OK
for most young people today.
Something can be done.



Anhedonism Crisis
Epidemic over-stimulation of
senses through electronic media
is resulting in suppressed
emotions and the inability to feel
joy or sadness. Depression and
addiction frequently result.

Think Again!

ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN

Epidemic Internet Porn
42% of 10-17 Year-Olds View
Internet Pornography! Boys are
9x more likely to seek it out;
more than 2/3 of 16-17 year-
old boys view Internet porn.

Marijuana Use
1 in 5 8th Graders
1 in 3 10th graders

Depression
1 in 5 American teens will
experience serious
Depression.

Binge Drinking
1% of 6th Graders
9% of 8th Graders
22% of 10th Graders
34% of 12th Graders

*"An education that trains the mind without training the moral sense
is a menace to civilization rather than a help." - J. Gresham Machen*



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ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Christian Life Academy
SPECIAL EDITION

In the past decade, the number of children identified with
specific learning disabilities has increased by 38%.
Something is broken very badly.

MYTH #1

Value-Neutral Education: Teachers train the mind without shaping attitudes, behaviors or spiritual belief.

Reality: *Only 9% of born-again teens believe in moral absolutes. Where are they being fed the "truth-is-relative" world view? Government Schools. —The Barna Research Group*

- Teachers are the single most influential person in the lives of most students: *"When a child is fully trained, he will be like his teacher."* **Jesus Christ—Mark 6:40**
- *"The school system that ignores God teaches its pupils to ignore God; and this is not neutrality. It is the worst form of antagonism, for it judges God to be unimportant and irrelevant in human affairs. This is atheism.—Gordon H. Clark*
- Christian parents and not government must take the full responsibility to *"train up their children in the way they should go."* **Proverbs 22:6**

MYTH #2

Public Education Better Prepares Children for the *Real World*

Reality: Life is not made up of classrooms, textbooks and schedules. Every adult knows that attitude, integrity, self-sacrifice, perseverance and faith are the qualities that produce successful lives. The real world is the eternal world, and not the one that is passing away. This is the heart and the soul of real education.

"For over one hundred years, Americans have been running a gigantic experiment in government schools, trying to find out what a society looks like without God. Now we know."

Douglas Wilson, author of Excused Absence

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ABOUT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

Seek first the Kingdom of God.

Why Should I Consider Christian Education?

"You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul And you shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up." Deut. 11:18-19

"I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt...I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth." Martin Luther

Christian parents have a clear biblical mandate to saturate their children's minds with the Word of God. This of course must include their education.

The harsh reality is that our Supreme Court forbid Scripture and prayer in the public school system more than 40 years ago. A generation later, scientific naturalism and a host of other atheistic values are being championed in American classrooms. Godly teachers are seldom able to present any competing view of life.

Christian schools offer a refreshing, biblical alternative. Not only is the Bible taught for what it is – the inspired Word of God – but it forms the foundation of all other texts.

The School Shares Your Values

Even the best public schools are prohibited by law from reinforcing the values you teach at home. The few minutes of Sunday school and limited family time are no match for an annual 900 hours of instruction where Jesus Christ has nothing to do with science, history, or culture—in a climate infused with the collapsing values of our culture. Good teachers that are required to teach as if God is non-existent or irrelevant create a conflict in the minds of children that many will never outgrow.



Some things God gives often: some He gives only once. The seasons return again and again, but youth comes twice to none. Childhood comes but once with its opportunities. Whatever is done to stamp it with beauty must be done quickly. - J. R. Miller 1882

Christian Schools Produce Academic Success

Contrary to popular opinion, students at Christian schools consistently out-perform their public school counterparts. Their standardized test scores are far above the curve, and they are better prepared for college upon graduation. Even in the areas of math and reading, subjects that are "less spiritual" in content, students at Christian schools have proven their superiority.

CLA graduates attend Penn State, Grove City College, Wheaton, Westminster, Pitt, Easter, Drexel, Clarion, Geneva, Indiana, Regent, Thiel, Slippery Rock and many other colleges and universities.

Christian School Student Achievement Compared to Their Public School Counterparts *

GRADE	ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE
K	6 Months
1	7 Months
2	9 Months
3	1 Year, 9 Months
4	1 Year, 8 Months
5	2 Years, 2 Months
6	2 Years, 3 Months
7	2 Years, 3 Months
8	2 Years, 6 Months
9**	3 Years, 4 Months
10**	2 Years, 4 Months

* Information provided by the Association of Christian Schools International.
** Christian school students attain the maximum available score starting in 9th grade.

Safety

Christian schools are a safer place for your children. Public schools can only go so far in the area of discipline. The result? More frequent occurrences of theft and physical violence, profanity, verbal insults, hazing and open rebellion in the classroom.



Individual Attention

Christian school classes generally have fewer students. They are smaller, more intimate gatherings that encourage students to be participants in a personal way. Students learn how to think quickly and gain valuable experience sharing their thoughts and opinions in a public forum.

Peer Pressure

"Do not be deceived, bad company corrupts good morals." (1 Cor.15:33) While young people in Christian schools also struggle, a Christian influence continues to be dominant among peers. Through the prayers and intervention of faculty, struggling students are given essential guidance and support.

Take a Closer Look at Christian Life Academy

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