

The Case for Christian Education

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The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." - Psalm 14:1

Our culture lives and acts as if there is no God. The slide towards foolishness and denial of God is outlined in Romans, Chapter 1, beginning with the quest for knowledge without truth.

Modern American education began sliding towards this foolishness when its leaders insisted that knowledge could be taught without morality.

This theory progressed to "morality in a vacuum," a philosophy that teaches right and wrong solely based on personal fulfillment and self-preservation. This is knowledge without truth.

Children spend approximately eight hours, 180 days each year, at school. It is essential that this time also be spent developing a **Biblical worldview** and not just training to become an economic success.

We must capture our young people completely for the Gospel.

We cannot afford to jeopardize one single child.

Some believe young people can go into the public schools and witness and evangelize the lost.

We are losing more than we are gaining.

A soldier must be trained before he is ready for battle. This is true of even our youngest elementary children. **Focus on the Family** asserts, "Children should be learning the reasons for their faith in ages seven to nine."

Christian school is designed to help parents in these important formative years. As people grow older they are less likely to put their faith in Christ and develop a Biblical worldview.

As we fight the good fight, Biblically-based Christian education is among the most important of our weapons in the battle to reclaim lost ground.