

The Greatest Battle of Our Time: The Battle for the Hearts and Minds of Our Children

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Ephesians 1:16-18

“...that you may know...what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,”

We Christians need our eyes opened by God to be able to know all that we have in the church! The richness of the teaching of God’s Word, the joy of Christian fellowship, the blessing of the service of others, and the opportunities to learn our own spiritual giftings all take place in the church! Those who neglect being a part of the church forfeit a great part of our inheritance here on earth! The church is a community of believers and it is in the church that generations of Christians are raised up!

📖 Psalm 78:1-7

University of Chicago law professor Albert W. Alschuler holds that ‘almost every measure confirms that America’s youth are in trouble.’ To support his claim, he cites Perry Farrell, the lead singer of Porno for Pyros, who ‘shouts the central lyrics of twentieth-century American jurisprudence, “Ain’t no wrong, ain’t no right, only pleasure and pain.”’¹

Many voices are speaking to our young people causing confusion and conflict. Conflicting worldviews of Humanism, New Age, Postmodernism, Marxism, Liberalism and Islam permeate our culture. The greatest battle of our time as Christians is the battle over the hearts and minds of our children!

f God has given us the means to win that battle!

📖 2 Peter 1:3-4

Our families have the opportunity to learn the truth about all of life through the teaching and instruction of the Word of God.

📖 Deuteronomy 6:4-9

❖ The church was always meant to be the center of education of God’s people! This is part of the rich inheritance we have in the church! We’ve been given the truth!

Psalm 119:160 “The sum of Your Word is truth, ...”

Our children can learn about...

... God

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning, God ...”

Psalm 90:2 “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.”

Daniel 4:34-35 “... for His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation; ...”

❖ God is considered non-existent or irrelevant throughout the public educational system

“Faith in the prayer-hearing God is an unproved and outmoded faith. There is no God and there is no soul. Hence, there are no needs for the props of traditional religion...”²

... Creation

Genesis 1:3 “And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.”

Hebrews 11:3 “By faith we understand that the universe was created by the Word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”

❖ The myth of evolution is taught as fact in public schools.

“Man is a result of a purposeless and natural process that did not have him in mind. He was not planned. He is a state of matter, a form of life, a sort of animal, and a species of the Order of Primates, akin merely or remotely to all of life and indeed to all that is material.”¹

... The absolute ethical standard of His Word

Matthew 24:35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

📖 John 12:47-50

❖ Relativism is the standard teaching on ethics in public schools.

“Human beings may and do make up their own rules”¹

... The truth about life after death

John 3:36, 5:24, 14:1; 1 Corinthians 5:1-10

❖ Secular Humanism denies all supernatural and the existence of a soul.

“Humanism...considers all forms of the supernatural as myth.”¹

... God’s design for marriage and the family

Genesis 2:24-25; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 19:3-6

❖ Other world views promote the idea through education that young people should pursue their sexual orientation and embrace homosexuality.

“(CNSNews.com) On Jan. 1, the California Department of Education started implementing a new law that requires all children in the state’s public schools to study the ‘role and contributions’ of ‘lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans’ to the ‘development of California and the United States of America.’ This law, according to the pro-family group SaveCalifornia.com, will require the schools to promote ‘lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans as role models’ and mandate that ‘children as young as kindergarten must be taught to admire persons who engage in homosexuality.’”³

The battle is for the hearts and minds of our children ...

... the field generals are parents

... the artillery is the Word of God

... the outpost is the church

... the victory is the Lord’s!

📖 2 Peter 3:17-18

Endnotes:

¹ Noebel, David A. *Understanding The Times*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1991.

² Bloom, Allan. *The Closing of the American Mind: How Higher Education Has Failed Democracy and Impoverished the Souls of Today’s Students*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1987. Print.

³ Shepherd, Philip. "California Public School Kids Now Required to Study Contributions of LGBT Americans." *CSNnews.com*. Media Research Center, 4 Jan. 2012. Web. <<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/california-public-school-kids-now-required-study-contributions-lgbt-americans>>.

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