

REASONS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Why should pastors and Christian parents be committed to Christian education? First, **God the Father demands it**. Deuteronomy 6:4-12 (considered the pivotal passage or “prime directive”) is a record of God’s clear instruction to Israel regarding the rearing of their children. This passage is not prefaced with a condition of desire; it is not predicated on the feelings of the parent; it is an imperative to love the Lord, to learn the word, and to teach the truth. The method demanded is one of diligence around the clock. God the Father requires that we educate our children according to His truth.

Second, **the family deserves it**. The humanist says that the family is obsolete and that the individual or the state is basic. Scripture problems the family to be the basic institution established by God for His glory. Before government and before the church, God instituted the home! Satan desires to destroy any home that is seeking to honor God. Every Christian parent must determine that this God-ordained institution (the home) deserves to be presented with Biblical truth and protected from the ungodly philosophies of the world.

Psalms 78:6-8 presents a third reason, “that the generation to come might know them, . . . that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, . . . But keep His commandments. . .” In other words, **the future depends upon it**. The young people of today are the leaders of tomorrow. This present generation is suffering from a lack of Biblical leadership because of the failure to educate the youth of yesterday by Biblical standards. There is no hope for the future of our country unless the people return to Biblical principles, values, and morals.