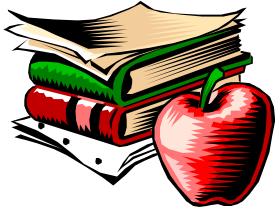


# Hunger For Truth

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**“Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.**

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## Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the latest issue of Hunger For Truth. As I look around at the sin going on every day, it breaks my heart and makes me long to see these souls saved. Witness to someone today.

In This Issue: you’ll find an excellent and very informative article written by Pastor David Smith on

what the Bible teaches about the schooling of your children. This is a must read! Also, check out the “How Quickly we Forget” devotional.

See the “Special Interest Articles” section for just some of what you will see this month in the newsletter.

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view, print or save at [www.studytoanswer.net](http://www.studytoanswer.net).

The goal of this ministry and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers using the truth of God’s precious Holy Word.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

## **Meditate on The Word (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148)**

### **What Does the Bible Teach About Home Schooling? (By: Pastor David Smith)**

*Editor’s Note: This excellent article is very important and very informative. I highly recommend that all would read this and seriously consider what is said. A larger print four page .PDF file of this article is also available. Please e-mail me for a copy.*

Regarding Public School vs. Home School/Christian School -- The questions we want to ask are: **1.** What kind of education does the Scripture require for our children and **2.** Who is responsible to provide this education to the children? (These are the vital questions to address in light of the Word of God. It is not an issue of public, private, home or “Christian School”, for we might compare one with another, draw conclusions, and still be outside the parameters of what God requires.) I have seen some folks “home – schooling” their children who were not fulfilling the Scriptural mandate to “Train up a child in the way that he should go...” (Prov. 22:6). This also applies in cases of folks who are sending their children to a “Christian” School.

God’s Word clearly instructs us that our children are to have a **scriptural, spiritual, sacred and systematic, God-centered education** from their very childhood.

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## What Does the Bible Teach About Home Schooling? (*Continued*)



### Matthew 5:6

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*“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”*

### John 8:32

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*“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

- “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children...” (Deut. 6:6-7).
- “...Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children” (Deut. 4:10).
- “Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children” (Ps.78:3-6).

This obviously rules out the humanistic, atheistic, Public School system that long ago, abandoned the Word of God and cast God out of the educational process. The Scripture prohibits caring, Christian parents from subjecting their children to the pagan, failed system of American Public education. This system is aptly described in the Word of God by this statement: “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (II Tim. 3:7).

Note:

- “Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen...” (Jer. 10:2).
- “Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them...And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Eph. 5:6, 7, 11).
- “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ” (Col. 2:8).
- “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you...” (II Cor. 6:14-17).

Because of the complete secularization, humanization, sensualization, demoralization, neutralization (at least when it comes to truth), and discrimination (against the teaching of the Word of God) of the Public System, it has become a **moral issue** for parents regarding placing their children under such a corrupt system which has been “given over to” reprobation (Rom. 1:18-23), and is paced by evolutionary, relativistic, atheistic, and pluralistic teaching which trains children to follow the “god of this world” and forsake their Creator God.



## What Does the Bible Teach About Home Schooling? (Continued)

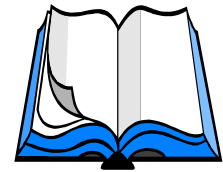
Note these passages:

- “I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer. Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight” (Psalm 101 portions).
- “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools...” (Rom. 1:21-22).
- “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive...This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus” (Eph. 4:14-21 – portions).

To go a step further, there are many so – called “Christian” Schools, which do not embrace a scriptural, sacred, spiritual foundation for both the content and character of education. Many of them simply mirror the Public System with a sort of “tacked on” Christianity thrown in after the fact. This cannot be called God – centered training for the little ones that God has placed under our care. It is all too common today for parents to place their children in “**Christian**” Schools without the parents discerning whether or not genuine “**Christian**” Education is really taking place. Grant it, according to the testimony and example of the Bible, Christian young people should stand out in academic achievement over unsaved children. Sadly, because of the weak caliber of discipline and dumbed – down teaching content, many of our saved youth are inferior to unsaved children in training. This fact has contributed to the gravitation of parents toward more secular than sacred means of education. This ought not to be – and if we are truly insisting on a strong, thorough training which provides a worldview that helps young people run everything through the sieve of Scripture - it will not happen.

Note:

- “Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and **skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability** in them to stand in the king's palace...” (Dan. 1:4).
- “As for these four children, **God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom:** and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. Now at the end of the days that The king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, **he found them ten times better** than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm” (Dan. 1:17-20).



### II Timothy 3:16-17

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

### Hebrews 4:12

*“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*



## Quotes of The Month

*(Sources Unknown)*

*“When we pray with sin in our lives, our prayers stop at the ceiling.”*

*“Light disobeyed increases darkness.”*

*“When we truly trust God, we will have the faith to lift up our soul unto Him!”*

*“If the Lord answered our prayers according to the cleanness of our hearts, how many of our prayers would be heard?”*

*“Sadly the most powerful weapon the Christian has (prayer) is the most unused weapon!”*

*“If God took everything away that we have not thanked Him for; What would we have left?”*

*“Sadly sometimes the only closet some Christians visit is the pantry closet.”*

*“Our success in the future does not depend upon failures in the past, but on how we handle the present.”*

*“Did it ever occur to you that nothing ever occurs to God?”*

## ☺ Children For Christ ☺ - “How Quickly We Forget”

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 103:2 --- “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:” (Please take time to read Psalm 103)

1. In Psalm 103 we see many blessings and benefits that the Lord promises us and we must not forget them. Please write down five of them below:

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2. Judges 3:7, 1 Sam. 12:9, and Psalm 106:21 tell us how we can forget the Lord our God. Psalm 78:7, 11 and Psalm 106:13 tells us how His wonderful works towards us were forgotten! Read these passages and write down how you can keep from forgetting God and His wondrous works towards us. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Read Phil 3:13-14. Are you faithful in forgetting or putting your past failures and faults behind you and desiring to trust God and obey Him no matter what He has in store for you? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Read James 1:22-25. How can we be a faithful hearer and doer of the word and not so easily forget what we hear in church or study? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Read Psalm 119 and verses 16, 83, 93, 109, 141, 153 and 176. What do these verses tell us not to forget? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Read these passages: Deut. 4:9, 23, 6:12, 8:11, 19, Job 8:13, Ps. 9:17, 50:22, Prov. 3:1, 4:5, Isa. 49:15, Heb. 6:10, 13:16. Do you see the importance of these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

7. How easy is it to forget what God has done and is doing. We forget what we learned in a sermon. We forget spiritual decisions we made. We forget blessings He has provided for us. My friend, we forget a lot! Stop and recall how you have forgotten these and other things. Take some time to pray & ask the Lord to forgive & help you.

## National Heritage

“The Bible makes the best people in the world.”

*Thomas Jefferson, 1743-1826*

*3<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States of America*



## Song of the Month – “In The Bulb There is a Flower”

This great hymn is based on 1 Cor. 15:51. I first heard this song recently. It blessed my soul and I hope it blesses yours.

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

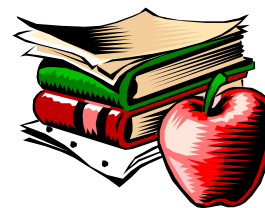
*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season,*

*something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*



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## Praises

- I praise God for how He blessed in recent preaching opportunities at my church & at an assisted-living center.
- I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month and to those who have sent emails or have spoken to me about how the Lord has blessed you. Please keep them coming. They are a great blessing.
- Praise God for solid Local NT churches all across the land.
- Praise God for Victory in Jesus! Hallelujah, What a Savior!
- Praise God for health, safety, friends, family, and fellowship.
- I praise God for the privilege & blessing of preparing and sending this newsletter to people all across the land.
- Praise God that all we are and have belongs to Him. We should not want it any other way.

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## Prayer Requests

- Children and teens across the globe with serious health ailments.
- Expectant mothers all across the globe to know the Lord and raise the children for the Lord
- Bro. Greg Myers (recovering from heart bypass surgery)
- Gods grace, strength, wisdom and victory regarding an unspoken request for the HFT editor.
- Those in need of employment and ones seeking other jobs
- Pray for wisdom in finding work in MA and for sale of my home in PA to make a move to Norwood, MA
- Pray that God would help the H.F.T. editor find the one wife that God has for him.
- Our nation and its leaders and for revival in this land
- Salvation of my sister Wendy & friend Ben • Local New Testament churches with building needs
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob and Aunts' Sybil and Bernice
- Salvation of our family, friends and co-workers
- Souls devastated by the recent earthquake & tsunami in Japan. Pray for souls to be saved.
- Wisdom regarding HFT, HFT ministries and for FT service as the Lord leads
- Parents across this land to raise their children for the Lord
- Health and needs of Pastors, Missionaries, and Evangelists and their families
- Tract distribution and outreach to lost souls all over the world who were witnessed to last month for salvation

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## What Does the Bible Teach About Home Schooling? (Continued)

- “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that **from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures**, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That **the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished** unto all good works” (II Tim. 3:14-17).

We should be aware that the Public Education system is almost completely focused on training the hearts and minds of children towards worldliness – that is a temporal, existential, pragmatic, materialistic, outlook that nurtures living for self, for time, for the “American Dream”, for success as defined by society and not by God. This “worldly wisdom” is exactly the thing that the Word of God warns us to abandon. It is the antithesis to the absolutes of God’s truth that measure all things (values, priorities, morals, beliefs, etc.) by the eternal perspective of the world to come.

Note:

- “For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men...But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty...” (II Cor. 1:19-28 portions).
- “To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge**: but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Prov. 1:2-7).

Too many of our so – called “Christian” Schools are teaching the children to be “worldlings” – whose passion is to live for self, for pleasure, for material, earthly, temporal things, for knowledge in and of itself, for financial gain and to set the goal of rating as one of the successful in this world. This is in direct opposition to the education prescribed in the Scriptures, which nurtures the hearts and minds of children toward eternal realities, spiritual foundations, and a faith that sees beyond this terminal world system (Heb. 11). **To the degree that any venue of education soaks children’s minds in living like the world, for the world, and in love with this world – it is moving toward paganism, folly and cannot have the blessing of God.** PARENTS WHO FEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND THE GOD OF THE WORD SHOULD RUN FROM THIS KIND OF THING!

Note:

- “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (I John 2:15-17).
- “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (James 4:4).



## What Does the Bible Teach About Home Schooling? *(Continued)*

- “Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father” (Gal. 1:4).
- “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world” (Gal. 6:14).

Finally, let me add to this response the answer to the question as to WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN? – Father’s and Mother’s seem to want to abdicate this very important responsibility and stewardship to others. The Word clearly lays this duty upon parents. Parents who turn their children over to the lost, pagan world to train them are disobeying God and failing in the sacred trust that God has granted them. Parents who turn children over to private, home, or “Christian” schools without discerning and guaranteeing that they are receiving a sacred, scriptural, sound, spiritual, and God – centered training are also failing in the stewardship of their children and disobeying Christ. It is Dad and Mom’s duty to assure that their children are being brought up “...in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). If someone is appointed to represent them in this task – **parents will be held accountable for the character, convictions and qualifications (or lack thereof) of that person** as they impact and shape the thinking of their young child’s mind.

Note:

- “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother” (Prov. 1:8).
- “My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee” (Prov. 2:1).
- “My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments” (Prov. 3:1).
- “Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many” (Prov. 4:10).
- “Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth” (Prov.4:1-5).
- “As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children” (I Thess. 2:11).

It is time for fathers and mothers to not be passive but proactive in the training of their children and make sure that they are given a truly Christ – centered education for time and eternity.

*-Pastor David Smith*

## In The Next Issue

“A Slice of Humble Pie” and much more. You’ll find several studies plus a devotional in the “Children For Christ” column.

Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,

Craig G. – Prov. 3:5-6

