

# Are We Forgetting Why We Homeschool? Biblically Homeschooling in A Secular World

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## I. Why are you homeschooling?

Are you doing this?

Place your reason where you can see it. Evaluate yourself often.

Are we growing? Making changes? Improving in those areas?

## II. What are our Qualifications?

Parents don't feel qualified. Why?

The World	The Bible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are taught that the government is responsible for educating our children.</li><li>• Who taught you this information?</li><li>• Teachers, parents, government officials.</li><li>• How are teachers qualified? College Degree, Certifications, experience, training, hired by the government.</li><li>• Curriculum is approved by the Board of Education.</li><li>• It is Secular. Not Neutral.</li><li>• Even though the Private Schools may have a biblical worldview with their curriculum and Christian teachers, they are still required to follow certain government regulations in order to operate.</li><li>• In addition, Private Schools are still an outside source educating your child. Not the parent.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Credentials: You are a parent, and you have a child. Either through natural birth or adoption. God doesn't make mistakes. You are qualified!</li><li>• Deuteronomy 6:6-7 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.</li><li>• Proverbs 6:20 My son, observe the commandment of your father. And do not forsake the teaching of your mother.</li><li>• Deuteronomy 4:10 'Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'</li></ul>

Proverbs 4:1-5

Hear, O sons, the instruction of a father,  
And give attention that you may gain understanding,  
For I give you sound teaching;  
Do not abandon my instruction.  
When I was a son to my father,  
Tender and the only son in the sight of my mother,  
Then he taught me and said to me,  
“Let your heart hold fast my words;  
Keep my commandments and live;  
Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding!

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I may not be qualified to teach but God has called me.

Is God not capable of qualifying us?

Or are we still focused on worldly qualifications?

### III. Curriculum

Are we trying to mimic Public School education with our Curriculum?

Was that your original plan?

Is that what you want?

Are you able to recognize if you are doing this?

1. The focus is on academic success - a Greek perspective. Not how you treat others, morals or faith - Hebrew Perspective.
2. We will take national standards and compare our children to them.
3. They have determined the subjects and topics to teach.
4. The curriculum is secular.

Who is glorified in the Curriculum?

Man Centered or God Centered

1. History
2. Math
3. Science
4. Language Arts

Isaiah 42:8

"I am the Lord, that is My name;  
I will not give My glory to another,  
Nor My praise to graven images."

#### IV. Curriculum

Are we trying to mimic Public Schools with our behavior?

Behavior that is taught, modeled, and encouraged is worldly.

- Are we sacrificing morals to get ahead? Integrity, honesty, lack of taking responsibility for your actions, and cutthroat competition.

### Scriptures

"For we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." 2 Corinthians 8:21

"Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices"  
Colossians 3:9

"When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations." Deuteronomy 18:9

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ." Colossians 2:8

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What is our value found in? In what we know (academics), do (competitive sports),  
and the way we look (beauty)?  
Or is our identity found in Messiah?

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"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

"It is the living who give thanks to You, as I do today;  
A father tells his sons about Your faithfulness." Isaiah 38:19

We will not conceal them from their children,  
But tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord,  
And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.  
For He established a testimony in Jacob  
And appointed a law in Israel,  
Which He commanded our fathers  
That they should teach them to their children,  
That the generation to come might know, even the children  
yet to be born,  
That they may arise and tell them to their children,  
That they should put their confidence in God  
And not forget the works of God,  
But keep His commandments.  
Psalm 78:4-7

#### **IV. FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)**

So, what are you missing out on?

1. Competitive Sports
2. Socialization
3. Tournaments
4. Prom
5. Social Events
6. Certain Classes
7. Curriculum that you see other Homeschool Moms using.

#### **V. Learning The History of The Public School System**

1. Prussian Model - Horace Mann
2. John Dewey

#### **VI. Your Time with God**