

DEVELOPING YOUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

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- I. Importance of developing a personal educational philosophy.
 - A. Roadmap to where you are going.
 - B. Helps one understand why they are doing what they are doing.
 - C. Focuses on what you believe not what others believe.

- II. Definition: The general principles of a field of knowledge.
 - A. The branch of philosophy that studies God = Theology.
 1. Baptist.
 2. Pentecostals.
 - B. The branch of philosophy that studies nature = Physics.
 - C. The branch of philosophy that studies the management of money = Economics.
 1. Democrats.
 2. Republicans.

D. The branch of philosophy that studies the method of training, teaching, instruction or developing someone (child) = Education.

1. You.

2. Me.

III. Developing your own personal educational philosophy:

A. Who? Parents. Deuteronomy 4:9. 2 Timothy 1:5-6.

B. What? Foremost, godly heritage (godly sons & daughters).

Proverbs 22:6. Ephesians 6:4.

3. Priorities for our school day.

a. Scheduling our day so the most important things are done first.

b. Remembering that children have brain and energy highs and lows and to schedule around it.

4. Opening.

a. Scripture Memorization

Psalm 119:105 & 119:11.

b. Family Bible Read Aloud

Romans 10:17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12-13.

c. Family Prayer Projects

I Thessalonians 5:17, Romans 12:12, James 5:16.

1. Monday – Our Church
2. Tuesday – Missionaries
3. Wednesday – The World (using Operation World)
4. Thursday – Homeschooling
5. Friday – Our Family

5. Skills Development.

1. Math
2. Language Arts
3. Physical Education
4. Musical instruments/singing
5. Car Maintenance
6. Sewing

6. Gleaning Knowledge.

- a. History
- b. Science
- c. Bible Study

C. Where? Home. Deuteronomy 6:6-9.

1. Your home.

2. Teach in our cars.

D. *How?* Learn by example. John 13:15.

1. We are the curriculum our children watch most.
2. Look in the mirror often to see who your child is seeing. I Corinthians 6:11

E. *How?* To learn how to be independent learners.

Deuteronomy 6:2

1. Go to the source. (Field trips, source documents).
2. Look it up.

F. *Why?* To love learning. Psalms 1:2.

1. Teach our children to love the written word.
2. Build a home library with real books.
3. Real books versus electronic media.

G. *Why?* To Prosper. Deuteronomy 29:9, Deuteronomy 6:24

Deuteronomy 30:15-20.

1. Not just earthly rewards.
2. Eternal Rewards. John 14:6.