Study Guide

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Educating the Whole Hearted Child

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INTRODUCTION: Christian Homeschooling:

Taking a Step of Faith toward Home

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hat is the one reason suggested by the authors as the questhat should settle and seal your decision to homeschool? Do you agree that this is in fact the single most important reason for Christian family to homeschool? (Not necessarily the only reason to homeschool, but most important reason.) Why or why not?	ree lies
n the Home vs. School section, what is the mistake that many we meaning homeschooling families make in their homeschools?	/ell-
hat are the 3 divine institutions mentioned in the Bible? W	
of these is the only institution designed and provided by God in Scripture for training children?	nich



NOTE: Please keep in mind that the authors wrote this book mainly to Christian families who homeschool or are considering homeschooling. When you read and consider these questions, keep in mind that they are meant to be answered by homeschoolers or potential homeschoolers from a Christian perspective.



n the Liberation of Learning section, how do the authors describe how
the home can and should be?
hen we follow God's biblical patterns and principles for home, what will be the natural outcome?
hat, then, do the authors say is the purpose of this book?





Who	the WholeHearted Learning section, do the authors descoleHearted Learning as an educational program to implementain? Or something else? Explain your answer.	
Lea	hat are the 4 key components that define the Wholek trning homeschool approach? Give a very brief description	

CHAPTER ONE: The Christian Home:

Learning to Be at Home with Christ

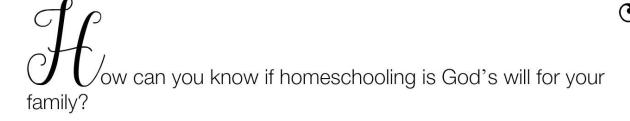


hat was Moses' "prescription for the future health of Israel"?
ow is it different from (or the same as) God's "prescription" for us today?
Christian home is not the same as Christian culture. According to the authors, Christian activities and interests do not make a home Christian. If that is the case, what do they say does make a home Christian?



hat are the 3 biblical priorities that define a Christian home? Can you have a Christian home with only 1 or 2 of these, or must you have all 3? Why or why not?
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hat is the goal of home nurture?
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hat is home discipleship?
hat should be the goal of home education?

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schooli each of possibl	ake a look at the list of Ten Good Biblical Reasons for Homeng. Read at least one of the suggested scriptures that support the 10 reasons. For several of these reasons (or all of theme), briefly describe how the suggested scripture supports that for homeschooling.
a uthor	hat are the costs of homeschooling suggested by the s? Briefly describe your experiences with one or more of the



 The first step in knowing God's will is to know Christ as your personal Savior and to be filled with the
• In the case of home education, God's will is mostly a matter of
 If you sense God's leading in your life, it will become an issue of
God's Word and his Spirit are his means to help you develop spiritual and wisdom. The more you study the Word of God and walk in the Spirit, the more you will become.
Doing God's will always involves persistent An ongoing relationship is essential to the process of decision making.
• God will often speak to you through other godly, wise Christians to make his will clear to you—to clarify confusion, affirm a conviction, or confirm a decision you have made. Seek out and listen to wise and Godly (Note from HHM: Notice that it does not say that God will reveal his will for you to someone else and that someone else will reveal God's will to you. Instead, it is clear that God uses the wise counsel of others to clarify, affirm, or confirm something he has already revealed to you.)







Read each principle and the Scripture verse that's suggested. Then do these things:

- Consider which principle (or principles) is the most difficult for you and your family.
- Jot down a sentence or two stating why that particular principle is difficult for you.
- Read the suggested Scripture verse and consider what it says in light of these principles.

How does this change your thinking? Do you need to make any

changes in your life or your homeschool after reflecting on this information?





	
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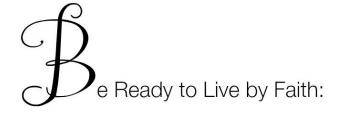


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Pa	arenting, <i>i</i>	About	Your	Children,	and Ab	out th	ne Cl	hristiar	n Life.

Think about the questions given and jot down some notes about specific things you can do (or not do) that will encourage and equip you and your children to live a life that is pleasing to God and that instills in your children a desire to live for Him.

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We will probably all need to read this last section of Chapter 1 many times during our homeschooling years! This page is all about hanging in there when homeschooling gets difficult. When we feel like giving up. When we face criticism. When we begin to wonder and worry whether we're doing what we need to be doing for our children. I love this quote which reminds us to hang in there: "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."

oo hard, come back to read this last page of Chapter 1 and be eminded that God can (and will!) give you perseverance, belief, aithfulness, hope, and endurance!



place to make notes or jot down any ideas, thoughts,
or reflections you have in response to the Introduction and/or Chapter 1 of this book.

