

Study Guide



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Educating the WholeHearted Child

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INTRODUCTION: Christian Homeschooling: Taking a Step of Faith toward Home



What is the one reason suggested by the authors as the question that should settle and seal your decision to homeschool? Do you agree that this is in fact the single most important reason for Christian families to homeschool? (Not necessarily the only reason to homeschool, but the most important reason.) Why or why not?

In the Home vs. School section, what is the mistake that many well-meaning homeschooling families make in their homeschools?

What are the 3 divine institutions mentioned in the Bible? Which of these is the only institution designed and provided by God in Scripture for training children?



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.



In the Liberation of Learning section, how do the authors describe how the home can and should be?

When we follow God's biblical patterns and principles for home, what will be the natural outcome?

What, then, do the authors say is the purpose of this book?





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hat is the role of the home-educating parent?

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n the WholeHearted Learning section, do the authors describe WholeHearted Learning as an educational program to implement and maintain? Or something else? Explain your answer.

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hat are the 4 key components that define the WholeHearted Learning homeschool approach? Give a very brief description of each.



CHAPTER ONE: The Christian Home: Learning to Be at Home with Christ



What was Moses' "prescription for the future health of Israel"?

How is it different from (or the same as) God's "prescription" for us today?

A 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?



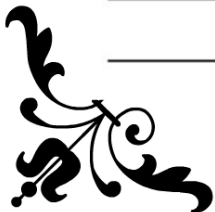


What are the 3 biblical priorities that define a Christian home? Can you have a Christian home with only 1 or 2 of these, or must you have all 3? Why or why not?

What is the goal of home nurture?

What is home discipleship?

What should be the goal of home education?





What does bringing your children home for good accomplish in their lives?

Take a look at the list of Ten Good Biblical Reasons for Home-schooling. Read at least one of the suggested scriptures that supports each of the 10 reasons. For several of these reasons (or all of them if possible), briefly describe how the suggested scripture supports that reason for homeschooling.

What are the costs of homeschooling suggested by the authors? Briefly describe your experiences with one or more of these.





How can you know if homeschooling is God's will for your family?

- 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.)



