

STRATEGY GROUP FOR REFORMATION in Education

1. What are the main problems we are facing in education in South Africa today?

UnBiblical education. Secular humanist, evolution, situation ethics, values clarification, dysfunctional, outcome based education, sex education, immoral, unBiblical, social engineering. Apathy from parents! Lack of critical thinking. Secular humanism has hijacked most schools and colleges. Most churches are uninvolved in the schools and colleges. Instead of education, most children are receiving indoctrination.

2. What are the key principles of Scripture which apply to education?

"That you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His Commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength, and these Words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:2-9

"Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and our lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry." Psalm 34:11-15

"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." Colossians 2:8

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Psalm 111:10

"My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge..." Hosea 4:6

3. Who should control education? The state, the Church, or the parents?

Children are not made in the image of the state, but in the image of God. Children are entrusted to the parents to bring up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Therefore education should be controlled by the parents, and aided by the Church. However, education should be independent of the state. One cannot entrust the state with the moulding of the minds of future voters.

4. What should the content of education be?

Education must be Bible-based and character building.

As the German Reformer, Dr. Martin Luther, warned: *"I am much afraid that schools will prove to be wide gates to hell unless they diligently labour in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them on the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign*

paramount. Every Institution in which men are not constantly occupied with the Word of God, must become corrupt."

5. What can we do to improve the textbooks being used in schools?

Parents should be involved in the Parents Teachers Associations of local schools and have input in the school governing bodies, particularly with regard to the textbooks. We should support ministries that produce and import Bible-based Christian worldview textbooks.

6. Where can one obtain Bible-based Christian textbooks?

Accelerated Christian Education, Theocentric Christian Education and Christian Liberty Books...

7. Where can one receive Bible-based, Christ-centred teacher training?

Cedar College of Education at KwaSizabantu in KwaZulu Natal offers an excellent teacher training degree programme.

8. What support groups exist to assist Christian teachers?

We are not aware of any such groups. Although they may exist, we do not know of any at this stage.

9. What support groups exist to assist Home Schooling parents?

There are numerous home school association and support groups. We should be networked and churches should do more to facilitate and support such groups.

10. What can we do to strengthen existing independent Christian schools and to start more?

Every church should pray for and practically support independent Christian schools in their area.

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