

TEN EXCUSES FOR NOT GIVING YOUR CHILD A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

For everything in the world, there must be a top ten. Listed below are the top ten excuses for not giving your child a Christian education. May the Lord give unto us the capacity to discern between excuse and reason. In eternity, God will demand reason, not excuses. Billy Graham has said, "Behind every excuse is a lack of desire."

MY CHILD DOES NOT WANT TO ATTEND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Bible says, "Woe to thee, oh land, when they king is a child." (Eccl 10:16) Proverbs 22:6 clearly teaches, "Train up a child in the way he should go." Proverbs 22:15 declares, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child." Is foolishness the standard at your house? Who is king in your home? As an adult, it is your responsibility to make the decisions about your child's future—not your child's!

WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY

The Bible says, "Fathers, bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," (Eph 6:4) The Bible instructs us to give a godly education to our children. If we do not have the money for Christian education, then we should not have the money for extravagances for ourselves as well. Christian education costs around \$800 per year. That's cheaper than a payment on a third car or a new household appliance. We can afford anything we really want badly enough.

OUR CHILDREN DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THEIR OLD FRIENDS

Why do you want your children around unsaved youngsters? What possesses us as adults to leave our children in the company of those who do not know Jesus Christ? As a Christian parent, it is your responsibility to make sure that the social environment your child is in is conducive to righteousness. No matter what your child says, Christian friends are the healthiest for their soul. If your child is going to be nurtured in the ways of the Lord, it will only be in the environment that presents Jesus Christ to them daily.

WE'RE NOT SURE OUR CHILD WILL GET AS GOOD AN EDUCATION

Apparently you haven't read the latest statistics on the advantages of home-schooling. On average, most home-schooled youngsters score in the 70th—80th percentile on achievement tests, compared to 50th—60th for public schools. In addition to a good foundation of reading, language, and math, an emphasis on the arts and other elective produces a more well-rounded academic youngster who is ready for the college community.

IT TAKES TOO LONG

Isn't it amazing how many parents think that Christian education takes too much of their time? How hard is four hours a day? These same parents never think that going to a movie, or shopping at the mall takes too long. "Oh consistency, thou art a jewel."

MAYBE NEXT YEAR

Isn't it amazing how the enemy of our soul tries to talk us into waiting another year to do so many things for God. Most folks, if they think for awhile, will realize that they've been putting off something they've planned to do for the Lord for years now. Every time they wanted to do it, they decided, "Maybe next year." You should face the lie. The Bible says that we should be "redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

THE FACILITIES AREN'T AS FANCY

That may be true. But it doesn't cost as much either. The secular school receives around \$5,325 a year. A home-schooler can do the same job for around \$450 a year. That's a huge difference. The facilities aren't as fancy, but neither is the price. Remember quality of facilities does not guarantee quality education.

ONCE MY CHILD LEAVES HOME, THEY WILL PROBABLY GO STRAIGHT TO THE DEVIL

Nothing could be further from the truth. Today it is impossible to shield a child from the world. Indecency on television is standards and lifestyles, even at the mall, exposes a child to a wide range of sinful practices. The Bible never says you should give your child a wide range of experiences and then let them make the choices. The Bible says that you should show them the way that they should go. Children need a clear, marked path of the way that they are to walk if we are going to be parents who raise them in the way of admonition of the Lord.

I DON'T CARE FOR THE RULES

This pious excuse is usually not the child's. It is more often the parents. Generally, parents who object to modest clothing styles and policies, need to straighten out their own lives in these areas. Once these conditions are met in the parents, they are immediately met in the children.

WE CHRISTIANS SHOULDN'T ABANDON THE SECULAR SCHOOLS

"If we do, what missionaries will be left?" I didn't know your children were supposed to be missionaries at age nine. You wouldn't think of taking a fourth grader and sending them to Africa! Why send them into the jungle of the world system of today? How can you expect your child to discern the ideologies presented when the school system does not allow most Christian ideas to be presented. By removing your child you are letting folks know you want a positive change.