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Dear Friends,



The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as <u>keep His covenant</u>, and to those who remember His commandments to <u>do</u> <u>them</u>. (Psalm 103: 17-18)



A few days ago I met with a respected educator in the public school system. He is godly, intelligent, and spiritually sensitive. It is a great blessing to the school to have such a man on their faculty. He took this present job in hopes of not only teaching, but of helping by example and compassion to be present to a lost generation of troubled youth. He has a small cross in his private cubicle space and a Bible on the corner of his desk. And because of this, he is "under examination." He has periodically been called in to be informed

of the legal progress being made in his case. The strain on his face showed the frustration of dealing with such a ridiculous situation.

Such action is the divine punishment levied upon a society that willfully turns from God. "They despised my statutes....therefore I gave them up to statutes that were not good, to laws they could not live with..." (Ezekiel 20:24-25) Stupidity is a divine judgment upon a godless rebellious people. This is the system that suspends a six-year-old for making "a gun" with his fingers and defines a little boy hugging a little girl as "sexual harassment." These kinds of stories were rare a decade ago. Now there are so many they cannot all be reported by the media. There is no place in all our culture where the fountainhead of every evil can be found flowing out altogether more than from the government school systems of this country. It is the enemy of all that we as people of God claim to love. It is the total OP-POSITE of all we claim to follow. How is it then that any of us can allow our children to be there?

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After years of trying to give the benefit of the doubt to those who periodically try to make a case for public education, it has now gone to the point of actually training children to sin! That is its very nature. At the core, it exists to teach good as evil, and evil as good. And Christians who entrust their children to this system cannot claim the promise printed above from Psalm 103. For that promise is for those who keep His covenant and obey His commandments. How can we send our children into such a school system as this? Thank God for believing teachers in that system to seek to be helpful, but their hands are tied more and more.

We all know of cases where circumstances seem to totally prohibit educational options. Yet the time has come for the impossible option to be found by parents sufficiently motivated to rescue their children from the system. If it is a question of funding, a local congregation should make the financing of a needy child their clear responsibility. What sense does it make for a church to send out missionaries around the world while one of their own is in need of Christian training? Yet there are still many who truly think they can carry on with public schools and overcome whatever negative influences there may be by the home influence. If such home influence is highly proactive in weeding out the lie and replacing it with the truth then that may be so. "Teach your children diligently...." Deuteronomy 4:9-10.

In the last ten years, and especially in the last two, the government school system has moved forward as a *blitzkrieg* in plans and actions of training your children away from you and planting them firmly in the world system. Eight hours a day, five days a week, they have them in their hands, molding them into an image the exact opposite of God. Just the atmosphere of idolatrous rebellion against God is poison enough to avoid. When will we awaken to the fact that *neutrality is not an option*?

The message in a public school is clear: "HERE IN THESE HALLS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS DECREED GOD TO BE IRRELIVANT. " This communicates that there are aspects of life in which the Creator and Lord of the universe can be excluded whenever His presence is deemed inconvenient. Because we have tolerated this incrementally increasing encroachment passively, we are now nearly completely beyond effective recourse in the public school system. We are under the chastising judgment of God for allowing evil to prosper by doing nothing. We did not take action while Christian influence was prosperous. Instead we slowly participated with the disintegrating culture and now in the present hour we are confronted with the flood of evil that has become the new norm in our schools.

There is a small but growing army of families who are making whatever sacrifices they must to guard the minds and souls of their children, in order to train them in truth, disciple them in righteousness, and love them away from the seductions of the world. **THAT IS OUR HOPE!** One family at a time; one child at a time.



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Some Closing Thoughts...



May God enable each one of us to discern His way to take part in the godly training of not only our own children, but every child in our sphere of influence. Also, please pray for godly teachers, like my friend, to impact as many children for Christ as possible. They are the true home missionaries in the hostile atmosphere of public schools. Pray that they may be hid from the eye of the enemy so that they may continue to shine the Light of the World into the lives of many children.

In His Joy, Clay & Mary



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