

Homeschooling: From Burden to Lifestyle

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Our Family Philosophy

We believe that we should spend our lives praying for and pursuing our goal –

That we, our children and their spouses, our grandchildren and their spouses, and every succeeding generation live as Christians on earth and live forever in Heaven with our God and with each other.

We want to spend our lives working diligently for the realization of this goal with all the strength He gives us.

Why We Chose a Learning Lifestyle

- To help our children know the Bible
- To help our children become men and women of God
- To have more control over our lives and lifestyle
- To take responsibility for training our children, because it is our responsibility
- To make sure we can accomplish the most important things

Common Homeschool Burdens

I'm afraid I will ruin my children.

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord;
The fruit of the womb is a reward.
Psalm 127:3

I'm afraid my child is missing out by not being with children his own age.

But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who grew up with him and served him. I Kings 12:8

My child is not at grade level. My child still doesn't know how to _____.

"... in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill..." Exodus 31:2-6

What if I don't cover everything?

For the Lord gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
Proverbs 2:6

I'll never be able to teach calculus.

What will I do about science lab?

And my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Will my child be able to get into college?

"Do not be anxious, then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?' For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek... Matthew 6:31-34

We must quit "having school" and start training human beings to live for God.

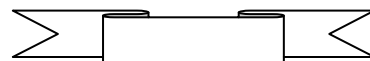
We Decided We Wanted Our Children To:

- Be faithful to Jesus.
- Care about others and show it in concrete ways.
- Be responsible adults.
- Love the church and build it up.
- Have good etiquette and manners.
- Help others come to know Jesus.
- Know how to have fun.
- Have good character.
- Learn as a lifestyle.
- Marry strong Christians.
- Have personal holiness and purity.
- Raise Christian children.
- Have good marriage and parenting skills.
- Be uniquely God's man or woman.
- Know about God's creation.
- Learn about the cultures of the world.
- Know history.
- Love reading.
- Appreciate art and music.
- Learn to communicate.
- Be interesting.
- Take care of their bodies.
- Learn the math they need to know.

I don't want my children to "go to church." I want them to be devoted to the Lord while being a working part of the body of Christ.

I don't want my children to "get a job." I want them to work with willing hands to provide for their own families and for those in need.

I don't want my children to "own a home." I want them to build Christian homes and pass on faith to the next generations.



When we started homeschooling we thought we were just ... homeschooling, but we were learning how to live.