

HOME, THE FIRST SCHOOL

SECTION 1
CH. 1-3

INTRODUCTION:

"And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" John 7:15

In the days of Christ, the Rabbi's were amazed at the intelligence of Jesus. For He didn't learn in their system of education. In fact, His schooling was far superior. Any ideas, where Jesus' first school was? The home!

"Jesus secured His education in the home. His mother was His first human teacher. From her lips, and from the scrolls of the prophets, He learned of **heavenly things**..." CG p. 19, 20.

In like manner, it is God's design that the children of today, learn from their mother of heavenly things. "The mother must ever stand preeminent in this work of training the children..by almost constant association with her children, especially during their tender years, must always be their special instructor and companion" CG p. 24.



"...unto the example and
shadow of *heavenly things*...
make all things according to the
pattern" Hebrews 8:5

Ch.1: Importance of the Home School

Read pages 17-20

1. Fill in the blank. "It is in the _____ that the _____ of the child is to begin." (p. 17)

2. What "grade" is the home school identified as? (p. 19) _____

4. What place in true education? (p. 18) _____

5. Why is the education received in the home so important? (p.17, 18)



6. What type of instruction should be given? (p. 17)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

7. With parents, children are to learn lessons that are to guide them throughout their life.
What are these lessons? (p. 17)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

9. Fill in the blank. "It should be the object of every parent to secure to his child a well-balanced, symmetrical _____." (p. 17)

10. What six things does the work of parenting require:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

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11. Define pettishness (p. 17):

12. If pettishness is allowed what side will the influence be exerted on? _____

13. Can you recall any "silent and gradual" influences in your home? Describe below.

14. Explain the following quote, from the natural to the spiritual.

"As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined." (p. 18)

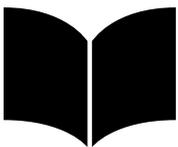


15. Who was called the father of the faithful? (p. 18) _____

16. What can you glean from his life, as it relates to child guidance and home religion? (p. 18)

17. Describe the education given to the Hebrews. (p. 18, 19)

18. What is a story in the Bible that shows the mighty works of God? (p.19)



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19. Practically, how can children be taught to think about God during daily events? (p.19)



20. Define providence. (p. 19)

21. How can a child's way of thinking and feelings be guided? (p. 19)

22. Is it enough just to know ones duty? What must also happen? (p. 19)

23. Draw a figure or a symbol (a picture) to illustrate a lesson about God's love. (p. 19)



24. Thought Question: Why did Jesus come to this earth as a child?

Ch. 2: The First Teachers

Read pp. 21-25-The First Teachers

1. Who should be the first human teachers of the children? (p. 21, 23) _____

2. Who should stand preeminent in the work of training the children? Why? (p. 24)

3. How should the children's "first teachers" treat each other? (p. 24)

4. Fill in the blank. "Husband and wife are to be _____ united in their work in the home school."

(p. 24)

5. What must the parents not do in the presence of their children? Why do think this is harmful?

(p. 24)

6. What do parents need to understand and why? (p. 21)

7. Fill in the blank. "They will look upon the training of their children as a _____ work, entrusted to them by the Most High." (p. 23)

8. What temptations should the parents remember that their children must encounter? (p. 21)

a.

b.

9. What do the children need to resist these temptations? (p. 22)

10. When should the preparation for child guidance begin? (p. 21)

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11. What is needed at every step? (p. 21) _____



12. Who must parents cooperate with and how must they do this? (p. 22)

13. What is an important part of God's plan for demonstrating the power of Christianity? (p. 21)

14. What should parents study frequently? (p. 22)

15. Fill in the blank. "They should employ much time in careful study of the _____ which regulate our being." (p. 22)

16. Based on how the body works, what are some intelligent ways so secure sound minds and bodies? (p. 22)

17. How should parents take up their work? (p. 22)

- a.
- b.

18. Who came from heaven to instruct Zacharias and Elizabeth as to how they should train their child? (p. 22) _____

19. What message were they to prepare their child to announce? (p. 22)

20. Do the children today have a similar message? _____

21. Why was John considered a "child of miracle"? (p. 23)

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22. How did Zacharias and Elizabeth cooperate with God in training John? (p. 23)

23. Why should children be trained in the fear and love of God? How can this be done practically?

24. What are the habits that the children should be educated in? (p. 23)

- a.
- b.
- c.

25. What will lie at the door if parents do not become wise, safe, and Christian teachers? (p. 24)

26. What lesson must the parents learn? What can they do as a result from learning it? (p. 24)

27. Fill in the blank. "_____ work in the home will not pass the review in the judgment." (p. 25)

28. What should Christian parents combine? (p. 25)

- a.
- b.

29. What is the standard every parent must raise? Where is this found in the Bible?

30. what is one word that could sum up the responsibility that rests upon the parents. (p. 21)

Ch. 3: When to Begin the Child's Training

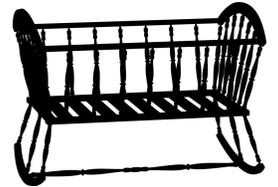
Read pp. 26-28-When to Begin the Child's Training



1. What is the true meaning of education? (p. 26)

2. Fill in the blank. "As soon as a child is capable of forming an idea, his education should _____." (p. 26)

3. Why should the work of education begin in babyhood? (p. 26)



4. Which title relates to that of the mother? (p. 24, 26)

- a. Principal teacher
- b. Special instructor
- c. Companion
- d. All the Above

5. What school must the parents learn in, how often, and why? (p. 26, 27)

6. Fill in the blank. (p. 27) "As fathers and mothers, we should train and discipline _____."

7. Why should the education of children be made into a "business"? (p. 27)

8. How should parents treat their children? (p. 27)_____

9. What will often happen if wrong habits are formed in childhood? (p. 27)

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10. Why is their greater emphasis expressed towards training the first child? (p. 27)

11. What will happen to a child if he/she is handled by those who are noisy and boisterous? (p. 27)

12. What can we learn from the parable with the seed (Mark 4:28) as it pertains to the development of children?

13. What is one way that you can honor your parents and be helpful to them? (p.28)



Teach

Hidden Treasure:

Write down all the Bible references that you found in the reading. Some of which are suggested. We found at least five suggested verses. How about you?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**"You are to
teach your
little ones to
know Christ"
(CG p. 23)**

