“Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ektrephō (ek-tre'-fō) - to nourish up to maturity

Paideia (pī-dā'-ä) - the whole training and education of children - which aims at increasing virtue
Family Driven Faith

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Education: The Forgotten Key to Discipleship
Education and the Knowledge of God
Education and Morality
Education and Accountability

Three phases of discipleship:
- Training and discipline
- Catechism (what to believe & why)
- Take my hand and follow
In the Dust of the Rabbi

Author: Ray Vander Laan

• Three major building blocks of discipleship:
  – Obedience - the attitude and actions
  – Community - the people and place
  – Word of God - the essential content
WHY?

Teaching our children

- Our responsibility as parents
- Integral to the discipleship of our children
- 16,000 hours in school grades K-12
  - Jesus and his disciples
  - The last third of this time is absolutely critical

We should want our children to be good disciples and good citizens.

It does matter who teaches our children, what they are taught, and the environment in which they are taught during those 16,000 hours.
WHAT?

• Core Principles
  o Character
  o Faith
  o Knowledge

*Cultivate intelligence plus character by means of an excellent classical Christian education*
WHAT?

• Character Habits
  - Attention
  - Obedience
  - Respect
  - Responsibility
  - Reverence
  - Reflection
  - Thoroughness
  - Punctuality
  - Service
  - Self-control
  - Integrity
  - Reconciliation

• Co-curricular training
  - Leadership
  - Competition and excellence
  - Service

[Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.]
— Samuel Johnson
WHAT?

• FAITH
  - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. (Proverbs 1:7)
  - Multi-denominational, united in faith, coordinated in service, grace-filled
  - Well-reasoned worldview
  - Integrated into all we do*

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”
-C.S. Lewis
WHAT?

• Knowledge
  o Excellent but not exclusive
  o Cultivate love of learning and tools for learning
  o Emphasis on formation not just information
  o Integrated learning experiences that train the grammar, logic, and rhetoric of subjects
  o Rich curricular offering that includes language arts, Latin, music, art, science, Bible, math
HOW?

• Pray for God’s will
• Pray for God’s provision
• Pray for God’s people
• Learn more
• Spread the word
• Expect miracles