

Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire. - Jesus

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Jehovah has said to Me, "You are my Son... Ask of Me and I will give you the Gentiles for your *inheritance*."

- Psalm 2:7-8

Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah; the people He has chosen for His *inheritance*.

- Psalm 33:12

I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they... have filled My *inheritance* with... their... idols.

- Jeremiah 16:18

You are under a curse – **your whole nation** – because you are robbing me.

- Malachi 3:9

The world would have us to believe that "most roads will lead to God, we're all just taking different paths to get there." However, Jesus taught that there are only two paths: One to life, the other to destruction. To believe otherwise is just wishful thinking.

Whether we know it or not, we treat the day to day education of our children the same way – hoping that most roads lead to the knowledge of God and they're all just taking different paths to get there. That is wishful thinking, too. With the steady decline of the knowledge of God throughout America, this fact should be obvious by now. We ask you to consider a different path – a narrow one.

CONVINCING OURSELVES – WISHFUL THINKING

WISH #1: If we just had Christians in charge, things would be better.

Even under "Evangelical-friendly" Presidential terms, Christianity has declined at a steady pace. The decline slows down when a self-professed Christian is president, but it is still a decline. We can't elect or legislate our way to a better country. That has already been proven through decades of testing. It is said that the definition of insanity is "to keep doing the same thing over and over, hoping for different results." To continue that hope would be insanity.

Christianity is on a continued decline in the United States, and it appears the tide has now turned against Christians in a big way. Your children are now 70% likely to leave the faith once they leave home. Protestant Christianity (about the only form of Christianity that existed in the original colonies) fell below the 50% mark about 10 years ago, and now sits at around 40% of the population.

Even while Christians "have control" of the highest positions of US government, the country **always** becomes less, not more

Christian. The reasons for this decline are many, but the biggest is that parents fail to *lead* their children to draw close to God. Parents consistently demonstrate that the great "American Dream" is more important than the "American Soul". And that a moderate (or even mediocre) love of God is okay as long as life is comfortable. Christians must stop their wishful thinking. Parents must turn from the world in ways that are difficult and uncomfortable before God will do anything to restore America.

Families **must** "**elect**" **to** take control where they *already* have control... within their own walls. With only 6% of Americans now holding a Biblical worldview¹, our goal is to call families to do all they can to save their children from becoming one of the 70% that will likely say, "I used to believe."

WISH #2: I understand very ungodly things are taught to children everywhere, but my elected representatives in Arizona seem to be protecting my children from the worst of it.

Despite lawmaker efforts, the state teachers' unions publish LGBTQ, transgender, and other ungodly material, that offers planning guidance and suggests methods for teaching that bypass legal requirements.²

Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes

-Daniel 8:25

¹ https://www.christianpost.com/news/only-6-of-americans-have-a-biblical-worldview-survey.html

² https://www.arizonaea.org/supporting-lgbtq-youth

Did you know the teachers' unions are simultaneously fighting in the legislature (and winning) in order to impose the same agenda onto all children in Arizona public schools?³

WISH #3: My children are enrolled in a conservative charter school that I'm pretty sure is Christian, so they should be fine there.

In the interest of protecting their children from the "wrong version" of Christianity, other Christians often kick God out of these schools. Evangelical leaders partially led the nationwide effort to remove Christian prayer from public schools in 1962 which ultimately led to the removal of Bible teaching from all schools in 1963⁴. Maricopa county has a Christian pastor who filed suit to eliminate any religious teaching from tax-funded schools (including charter schools)⁵ for the very same reason.

WISH #4: My children go to a school that only focuses on the basics – reading, writing, arithmetic, etc, so they should be fine.

"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters." -Jesus

- Luke 11:23

Children spend approximately 500 hours per month being bombarded with teaching that is either devoid of godly motivation, or is outright evil. It is foolish to believe that

³ https://www.arizonaea.org/about-aea/media-center/press-releases/aea-applauds-repeal-anti-lgbtq-curriculum-law

⁴ https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1467-9809.2012.01170.x

⁵ https://www.patheos.com/blogs/dispatches/2016/09/09/americans-united-sues-religious-charter-school/

the *very little time* they spent in intentional godliness will outweigh the other 500 hours. A parent would need to be nearly 100% involved in the day-to-day learning of their child in order to ensure that such a school without God in it isn't God-less. But if God isn't in it, then isn't is automatically God-less?

WISH #5: God is faithful, and in the end, it won't matter. My children will be fine.

When a nation begins to fall, God calls them to repentance. In the end, if they remain unrepentant, the children usually suffer the most. We often think we are repenting, but in reality, we are not. Repentance involves *much more* than turning from our own personal sin. It also involves making changes in society's structure - changes that cause national repentance. Families are the basic building blocks of those societies, and our children become the future families.

Thus says the Lord: "Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now **every one** from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good."

- Jeremiah 18:11

Additionally, statistics say otherwise. In America, nearly 8 out of every 10 children raised in Christian households will leave the church and many will even completely abandon their faith. A big reason for this is that only 6% of Americans are considered to hold a Biblical worldview. The trend has continued downward for years. It appears that both children and parents are suffering a lack of connection to God.

WE SHOULD HAVE LEARNED FROM GERMANY

Germany was at the heart of the Protestant reformation of the church, and from about the 1500s to the early 1900s, Germany maintained its rich Christian heritage. But that heritage is not what Germany is known for in our modern times. Unfortunately, the events that lead to Germany's *rapid* plunge into Nazi socialism are happening in precisely the same order, right now, in the United States. Here is a synopsis of what happened there, but written in present tense to show how real the threat has become here at home:

The Department of Education has taken control of the education system through grants and "nationwide standards", and while it hasn't really changed the structure of the school system, it has done major surgery on the staff. Teachers with rival beliefs are sidelined, and new doctrine is taught to the children with universal testing to ensure its success.

Through "new math", "evolutionary science", and Critical Race Theory, the elected leaders believe the youth of the country can be disconnected from their parents' old ways of thinking and indoctrinated to support a new history of the nation and the world. Mass brainwashing is achieved in two ways: transformation of the school curriculum, and creation of new clubs and organizations. Children are taught to support and chant for these clubs and their doctrines. At voting age, they will vote for representatives who will enshrine the doctrines into law. It started by removing the name of Jesus so that they could begin to shift the foundation. As the doctrines of other gods are promoted as a better way to prosperity, the gospel will decline, Christians will become silent. And through the changing of election law, the entire system will never face an internal challenge to the Government's power again.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

How do we repent? It is very simple. Just do what scripture says. We've spent far too long "doing the same thing over and over, hoping for different results." We must stop letting Satan have His way with our children. If the children are lost, then the church is lost. If the church is lost.

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

- 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

We must educate and secure the next generation **ourselves**. If it is your responsibility to provide earthly bread to your children so that they are fed, how much greater then the heavenly bread which is Christ. Even when they eat outside your home, a good parent does not want their child eating food that is terrible for their body, and health. How much more the teachings they consume in their inward being? To say that "I am not called to homeschool my children" is akin to saying "I am not called to feed my children myself."

If we are not careful about the spiritual food being fed our children, confusion and chaos will only increase – where murder is "choice", sexual immorality is "gender identity", and the gospel is "hate speech".

"Where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure... without partiality and without hypocrisy.

- James 3:16-17

FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN

 My husband and I both work. We need both incomes just to make ends meet. What can we do?

Most people don't realize that the total financial gain of a dual income household is often not all it is cracked up to be.

There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

-Proverbs 13:7

And at a cost of around \$10,000/year, private Christian schooling isn't an option for most dual income families, much less a single income one. Homeschooling is a great alternative for couples seeking to save the soul of this nation.

It might be helpful to examine your own heart about the meaning of the word "need". What things are "nice to have" versus what is actually needed? Do you *need* television? Netflix? Starbucks? To eat out? Are these luxuries worth the spiritual trade-off? Many times, families can rework their budgets for such a higher cause.

We will also help you find resources that enable you to make it on just one income.

He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.

-Proverbs 11:28

My children won't fit in with "regular" society. In the desire to be culturally normal, Christians and churches deceive themselves.

"Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits.'" and "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"

-Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 15:33

This generation is bombarded with 500 hours of secular indoctrination per month, learning far more from popular culture than from the 3 hours of teaching at a church. When the world is the main educator, then the children can be expected to go the way of the world.

I feel unqualified. How can I teach my children?

Qualification comes from God.

anyone who believes in me will do... even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it...

-John 14:12-13 (NLT)

The Bible is full of examples of untrained leaders that God declared to be qualified. Jesus has given us a world-wide draw resources from. Christ-centered church homeschooling cooperatives (such as Christian Heritage Homeschool Cooperative - Tucson Southeast) function as small families where you and others like you can share the teaching load with one another. Each person serves where they have been gifted by God. If you are weak in a subject, a cooperative is a good place to find someone willing to teach your child in a group environment. There are resources that make it easier such as very structured

curriculum that guide you step-by-step through each course.

How can I socialize my children?

Again, join a homeschooling cooperative that meets regularly. For the first 100 years or more, the church met with one another *daily* and thrived because of it (Luke 19:47; Acts 2:46, 5:42, 6:1; Hebrews 3:13; Hebrews 10:25). *Your* children can be among other like-minded individuals and become socialized (as well as educated) in a Christ-centered environment.

Do You Want to Know More?

Please visit the link on the back of this booklet to learn more about Christian Heritage Homeschool Cooperative – Tucson Southeast.

"Brave Faithful, bravely done in word and deed; Judge, witnesses, and jury have instead Of overcoming thee, but shown their rage: When they are dead, thou'lt live from age to age."

-The Pilgrim's Progress

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