

Education: The Magic Bullet
Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Proverbs 1:1-7, Luke 2:52
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Introduction

Views on education:

- Education as enriching
- Education as functional
- Education as salvation
- Education as spiritual

Christian perspective on education:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

- It is holistic. (5)
- It is incarnational. (6)
- It is initiated in the home. (7-9)

Proverbs 1:1-7

- It is life-giving (3)
- It is moral (3)

Christian education has two primary purposes:

1. Discover God
2. Worship God

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Proverbs 1:1-7

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

² for gaining wisdom and instruction;

for understanding words of insight;

³ for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,

doing what is right and just and fair;

⁴ for giving prudence to those who are simple,

knowledge and discretion to the young -

⁵ let the wise listen and add to their learning,

and let the discerning get guidance -

⁶ for understanding proverbs and parables,

the sayings and riddles of the wise.

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,

but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.