

Filling A Bucket vs. Lighting A Fire

A Charlotte Mason Education



The Holy Spirit is the Educator of Mankind

Changes Hearts and Minds (repentance)

Cooperating with the Holy Spirit = Governing the Kingdom of Mansoul

Spirit Led (Surrendered Will)

Nourish Mind on Worthy Ideas

Character Formation Through Habits

Based on the above we are limited to three “Educational Instruments:”

1. The Presentation of Living Ideas
2. The Discipline of Good Habits
3. Atmosphere of the Environment

Education is a Life - The mind is nourished upon ideas.

LIVING BOOKS

NARRATION

REFLECTION UPON GREAT ART, MUSIC, AND POETRY

NATURE OBSERVATION (refer to Nature's Secrets in Your Backyard & Beyond Hand Out)

Education is a Discipline - Laying down tracks or habits for life to run smoothly upon.

- 1. YOU TURN** (Gain clarity, respond intentionally instead of lashing out - *Boundaries for Your Soul*, Alison Cook & Kimberly Miller)
- 2. HABIT OF ATTENTION** (Power to Focus, Choose & Change Thoughts)
- 3. HABIT OF PRAYER** (*Experiencing Awe & Intimacy with God*, Tim Keller)
- 4. HABIT OF NATURE** (Life-long source of delight)

Education is An Atmosphere

...that is the child breathes the atmosphere emanating from his parents; that of the ideas and habits which rule their own lives. (Charlotte Mason Vol.2)

Living Book Recommendations (*inspire, enrich, empower, change*)

- *For the Children's Sake*, Susan Schaeffer Macauley
- *A Charlotte Mason Companion: Personal Reflections on the Gentle Art of Learning*, Karen Andreola
- *The Pursuit of God*, A.W. Tozer
- *Prayer, Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*, Timothy Keller
- *Sacred Romance: Drawing Closer to the Heart of God*, John Eldredge
- *Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist*, John Piper
- *Unashamed*, Christine Cain
- *Streams in the Dessert*, L.B. Cowman
- *Teaching from Rest*, Sarah Mackenzie
- *The Songs of Jesus – A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms*, Timothy Keller