

Why Homeschool? 8 Reasons

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1. When Does Education Begin?

- Creation; From birth of the child through adulthood

Why Homeschool? Because it is God's design from the beginning.

2. Who Is Responsible for Teaching?

- Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Luke 7:40; Psalm 78
- Choice or responsibility?

Why Homeschool? Because it is a parental responsibility.

3. What Is the History of Education?

- Home education, tutoring, compulsive education, homeschooling

Why Homeschool? Because it has always been the best choice for real learning.

4. Education and Discipleship

- 88% of those raised by evangelicals (public-schooled) leave church (2002, SBC Council on Family Life)
- 87% of homeschooled young adults continue in their faith into adulthood (nheri.org/gen2-survey-a-spiritual-and-educational-survey-on-christian-millennials)
- Education is not neutral. Children are being disciplined.
- (Luke 6:40; Col. 2:8; Jer. 10:2; Prov. 1:7-8)

Why Homeschool? Because whoever is discipling the children will decide their fate.

5. What is True Socialization?

- Secular definitions vs. Biblical (Prov. 13:20; James 1:27)
- *Homeschooling Grows Up*: gainfully employed, continuing education, involved in their communities, civically engaged, happy.
- <https://hslida.org/docs/librariesprovider2/public/homeschooling-grows-up.pdf>

Why Homeschool? Homeschooled children become the best, positively socialized young adults.

6. Individualized Instruction and Freedom

- "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free." Michelangelo
- Freedom From: fear, stress, evil ideologies; Freedom To: be who God created

Why Homeschool? Because it fosters individuality and provides freedom.

7. What Does the Research Say? (Reward of Obedience)

- Research Facts: <https://www.nheri.org/research-facts-on-homeschooling/>
- Psalm 1; Joshua 1

Why Homeschool? Because God rewards our obedience with success.

8. What Does the Bible Say?

- Matt. 7:24-27, Psalm 127:1, James 4:17, Micah 6:8; John 17:15-17; 2 Corin. 6:14-18; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 78; Philippians 2:15-17

Why Homeschool? We are raising blameless children in the midst of a perverse generation.