

THE DHARMA INITIATIVE

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Top ten reasons we homeschool:

- I. _____
Ephesians 6:1-4 — “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother — which is the first commandment with a promise — that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

A. Much training and character-building takes place, which is particularly important in the younger years (up to age 13).
- II. _____
Proverbs 22:6 — “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

A. The ability to personally and intentionally mold our child’s character by instruction, training and discipline in order to teach them and help prepare them for the future.
- III. _____
1 Corinthians 15:33 — “Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.”
Proverbs 13:20 — “He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.”

A. Learning appropriate socialization skills by providing a good model with adequate feedback ensures socialization skills that will be very useful for our children throughout their entire lives.
- IV. _____
Deuteronomy 6:6-7 — “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.”

A. Choose curriculums that infuse a Christian worldview into all educational disciplines. Biblical values about learning are quite different from those found in most public schools.

- V. _____
Ephesians 4:29 — “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

A. Much more effective teaching and learning environment which enables a more productive educational experience (much better ratio of teachers and students).
- VI. _____
Proverbs 23:26 — “Give me your heart my son...”

A. Building close relationships between parent / child / siblings is crucial to the success of each child.
- VII. _____
Proverbs 29:15b — “...a child left to himself disgraces his mother.”

A. From an instructional perspective, too much of the precious time allotted to childhood is wasted in public school settings. Homeschooling provides a much more efficient educational model.
- VIII. _____
John 17:11 — “I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by the power...”

A. Protection from realities of public schools. Having a full understanding that these are also realities outside of school and that these children will someday claim membership in this reality — but not today.
- IX. _____
Hebrews 12:11 — “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

A. Within a homeschool environment we are intentionally helping our children prepare for college and life because they are learning how to manage every aspect of their individual lives under our direct supervision.
- X. _____
Psalms 119:105 — “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

A. We homeschool because it is part and parcel of our faith experience and Christian worldview. Serving others, praying together, and living lives that are NOT defined exclusively by the values of our society all reflect the important elements of our faith.