

Solving the Crisis in Homeschooling

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I. THE PROBLEM

⇒ Many conscientious parents are watching their children grow up and _____ their

II. BASIC CAUSES OF THE PROBLEM

A. We become focused on _____

⇒ Our dreams for our kids are really _____ and _____ as parents

B. Preoccupation with results can turn the _____ into a _____ of success

1. The family can become a _____ -- more accurately -- an

2. The children become for parents a _____ of feeling

3. Our _____ is not measured by the effect we have upon others, but by our _____ to God. We obey – *God* bears the fruit (1 Cor 3:6).

C. Preoccupation with _____ leads to emphasis on _____

1. We emulate the _____ of those who appear _____ in their training

2. We mold our kids' _____, but miss their _____

D. Preoccupation with outward brings with it a tendency to _____ by our _____

1. We end up _____ on the _____

2. With judgment comes _____ and _____

3. It was the _____ not Jesus who were preoccupied with _____
Mat 6:1-2, 5, 16; 23:5-6, 23-28; John 7:24

Mat 23:5 "Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long;

Mat 6:1 "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full ... 5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full ... 16 "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

Mat 23:23 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices--mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law--justice, mercy and

*faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former ... 25 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You **clean the outside** of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee! **First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.** 27 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which **look beautiful on the outside** but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. 28 In the same way, **on the outside you appear** to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.*

John 7:24 Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.

4. Jesus' approach: Invest in the _____ and watch it

Matt 23:26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

⇨ The Pharisees were preoccupied with what _____ Jesus emphasized what _____

E. We develop a false security in our _____ to _____

1. Relying on your authority to intimidate teens will gain only _____ for a while

⇨ We may _____ them into _____ but fail to _____ their _____ into submission.

⇨ Intimidation may merely foster _____

2. We _____ Proverbs 22:6 and therefore resort to greater _____

Prov 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

The book of Proverbs: Promises or Probabilities ? Prov 22:4, 11, 14, 16, & 26

F. We develop an over-dependence on _____

> For our kids, Christianity becomes mostly about _____ influences

G. Over reliance on _____ easily leads to a _____ approach to parenting

⇨ We look for and rely upon _____ and self-working _____

⇨ We forget that they are _____ individuals

1. The more we focus on formulas and principles -- the more children become _____

2. The more they become things the less we have significant _____

3. The less we have relationship the more we lose their .
4. Without their hearts the less we are able to influence their .
5. Without their hearts, the best we can do is control the (for a while).

III. BASIC SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM

A. Cease making your family into a

1 John 5:21 Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

1. In your heart -- give the for your children's good behavior. Stop yourself.
2. Choose your over other people's

B. Invest more into their than into shaping the of their

Matt 23:26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

C. Guard yourself against a

Rom 12:3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. (Col 2:16-17; James 2:13)

1. Cry out to God for when you spot tendencies
Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.
2. Coach your children towards and when they manifest
1 Cor 10:29b ... For why should my freedom be judged by another's conscience?

D. a relationship of with them

Proverbs 23:26 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways

1. See your children as not
2. Drink continually from God's of so that you have plenty to onto your children
1 John 4:16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him... 19 We love because he first loved us.

⇒ When they look into your eyes they must see and

E. Make it your top goal to understand and live out the in your home

Mal 4:6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."