

# ***THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION***

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You now have before you one of the greatest opportunities of your life. That opportunity is attending a Christian school. Attending a Christian school is a privilege. Many people have sacrificed and worked hard so that you may have this opportunity. Your parents, your teachers, the principal, the school board, and countless others have all had a part in helping your school to be a reality. We pray that you will not take this for granted but that with each day's passing there will be a consistent attitude of thanksgiving for the kind of education God is giving you.

I wonder if you have ever stopped to think about what your Christian school means to you. Have you thought about the wonderful blessings that come your way each day in your Christian school? Do you pause each day with thankfulness to God for what He is teaching you? I hope so. Let us share with you some of the blessings that will come to you by attending a Christian school.

1. **Your Christian school will help you fulfill the Bible principle—*Do All for the Glory of God***—Colossians 3:17 states: "*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*" This means that your education must be accomplished for God's glory. Christian education fulfills this requirement because Christ is the center of every subject. The Bible is the most important textbook, and biblical principles by which we are to live are taught each day in your Christian school.
2. **Your Christian school will teach you self-discipline.** The rules, the regulations, the drills, and the homework are all designed with the purpose of teaching you to discipline yourself, to instill in you the right attitudes, actions, and deportment so that no matter where you are or with whom you are, these characteristics will be a natural part of your life.
3. **Your Christian school will help you to develop loyalty.** Loyalty to Christ. Loyalty to your church. Loyalty to the school. The Christian school will give you that bond that will draw your heart toward the Lord and His work.
4. **Your Christian school will instill in you the virtues of leadership and character.** The Christian school will help and encourage you to become a leader, and to pursue the talents and abilities that God has given you. It will provide daily character teaching to help you throughout your years of schooling, and ultimately to take your place of leadership as an adult prepared to "*Do All for the Glory of God.*"
5. **Your Christian school will give you a basic academic knowledge.** Many people in America cannot read or write well enough to handle today's more complex jobs that are given them. The Christian school will give you academic training that will better prepare you to serve God and to provide for the necessities of life.
6. **Your Christian School will help you develop lasting, Christian relationships.** What better place is there to find the right kind of friends than in a Christian school!
7. **Your Christian school will help prepare you for a life's service for God.** No matter what your occupational choice, your Christian education will give you the foundation of knowledge you need to serve the Lord every day in all of life's relationships.

Yes, the Christian school will do all this and much more! Student, do not take it for granted. Each day ask God to teach you something new. Realize that God has given you the opportunity for a fine education in the proper school environment so that you might grow to become the kind of Christian He wants you to become.