

## ***Biblical Education***

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### ***Matthew 28:19-20***

*“Go therefore and make disciples...  
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...”*

#### **What do discipleship, teaching and education have in common? All are instruction and training!**

- ✓ Disciple (Greek *mathetes*) means a learner or one who is instructed
- ✓ Teach (Greek *matheteuo*) means to instruct
- ✓ Educate means to instruct

Instruct: “To teach; to inform the mind; to educate; to impart knowledge...”<sup>1</sup>

Education: “The bringing up, as of a child, instruction; ... Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations. ... an immense responsibility rests on parents and guardians who neglect these duties.”<sup>1</sup>

#### **Today, Christians make a distinction between discipleship and education!**

Many say... “Discipleship is for the church, education is for the schools!”

The Nehemiah Institute has conducted a study for over 23 years on how education affects our Christian youth’s worldviews.

“Our expertise is in providing a statistically valid testing instrument for measuring an individual's view of life in areas of great importance to both personal and social life. The test was designed with input from several Christian scholars. Testing norms have been developed from results of over 100,000 participants during a 23-year period from 1987 through 2010. The primary focus of our work is with high school and college age students.”<sup>2</sup>

The study concluded that over 90% of youth raised in traditional Christian homes hold a Secular Worldview!

“...[Nehemiah Institute] warns that unless something is done soon, within 15 years, ‘the Christian church will have basically lost her posterity [Christian legacy to our children].”<sup>3</sup>

📖 Judges 2:10-15

❖ God commands us to disciple!

#### **WPCC seeks to prepare graduates who are strong in Godly character and conviction!**

A *Breakpoint* article entitled “Preparing young People for College” highlighted the movie “God’s Not Dead” saying, “This is not just a movie scenario. In real life, unfortunately, too many Christian young people wither under the secular assault they face on our college campuses. But, it’s usually not so in your face as the movie portrays. Most aren’t going to face an overt intellectual attack by a professor – although *some* will. ...For most, their faith dies by a thousand little cuts... doubts about the Bible’s truthfulness, Christian morality, or about the Bible’s view on sin, sex, marriage, human value, and so on. A well-placed snicker or a raised eyebrow is just as devastating as any philosophical argument. And don’t forget the morally compromising hook-up culture that they will face. Too many are sadly ill-prepared.”<sup>4</sup>

📖 1 Timothy 4:7-16

Endnotes:

- <sup>1</sup> Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.
- <sup>2</sup> "Home Page." *www.nehemiahinstitute.com*. Nehemiah Institute Inc., ©2014. Web.
- <sup>3</sup> Hagopian, David G. "What 98% of Christian Teens Lack ... And What Christian Parents Can Do About it Today." *American Vision*. Mar 2007:16. Print.
- <sup>4</sup> Stonestreet, John. "Preparing Young People for College." *www.BreakPoint.org*. Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview, 10 Apr 2014. Web.
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