

BIBLICAL ANSWERS

For the Top 5 Aversions to Homeschooling

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Over the years, I've heard different aversions to homeschooling, so I tried to choose the five most common comments that I hear once someone finds out that we homeschool. There's usually no time to respond since they're stated in passing. Although there are many ways to respond, I wanted to give Biblical responses-the best answers I can offer.

Aversion #1:

"I'm not smart enough to teach my kids."

Biblical Response:

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

- Ph 4:13

The Lord has given us a mind with the capacity to choose solutions that will help us overcome this belief. There are so many resources (online courses, free tutorials, books, programs) that can help us teach our children subjects that we may otherwise not know how to teach. Also, parents can be comforted in the fact that God did not give them children without the ability to train and educate them. Since, we live in an age and culture of government education where teachers are required to have credentials, parents are intimidated and believe that they are not qualified to teach their own children. However, if we love our children, we are the MOST qualified teachers that our children could ever have.

Aversion #2:

"If we homeschool, our children won't be properly socialized."

Biblical Response:

"Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners."

- 1Co 15:33

According to the scriptures, the Lord makes it clear that we should avoid IMPROPER socialization. When our children are educated in the home, they are protected from corrupt communication as long as parents are wise and good examples of Christianity.

"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise."

- Pr 13:20

Aversion #3:

"My family will criticize us for home educating our children."

Biblical Response:

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

- Col 3:13

When we set our heart on God's plan for our children, critics and circumstances will not hinder us from making the right choices for them. People and situations will come and go in our lives, but our responsibility for training our

children never changes. Only God knows what is best for our children, so He has the best advice concerning them. His opinion counts the most.

Aversion #4:

“We can’t afford to homeschool.”

If we are serving the Lord, we don’t have to be consumed with worry about our provisions. If our desire is to please the Lord and walk in faith, then provisions will come. The Bible says that it’s impossible to please God without faith. Since faith is action, once we take the proper action then God promises the provisions. As Christians, the only thing we can’t afford is the risk of losing our child’s heart and mind to humanism or a secular worldview. We can’t afford for our children NOT to walk in truth.

Biblical Response:

“Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; no nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body more than raiment?”

- Mt 6:25

Aversion #5:

“I’ll go crazy at home all day with my children!”

The scriptures teach us the great value of a child. In an age and culture that often devalues a child, God’s Word stands in opposition and declares that children are his heritage. They’re not meant to be an inconvenience but a reward. They’re not meant to be a burden but a blessing from God. When we view children how the Lord does, we’ll embrace our opportunity to pass our faith on to them so that they could be saved.

Biblical Response:

“Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of the mighty man; so are the children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath a quiver ull of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemes in the gates.”

- Psalm 127:3-5

Conclusion

Despite these aversions to homeschooling, I believe parents can overcome each one when the Word of God is applied to every situation. When families do their part and trust God for their homeschooling journey, they will meet their ultimate goal- III John 4. This scripture says, “ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”

Additional Note- There are many more Biblical responses to these various aversions, however; I wanted to keep it a quick, simple read for parents who don’t have the time to read volumes.



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