

What's the Parent's Role in their Children's Education?

I. Too many parents haven't taken ownership of their children's education.

- Many parents refuse to educate their children in anything of importance.
- Others simply don't know what their children being taught.

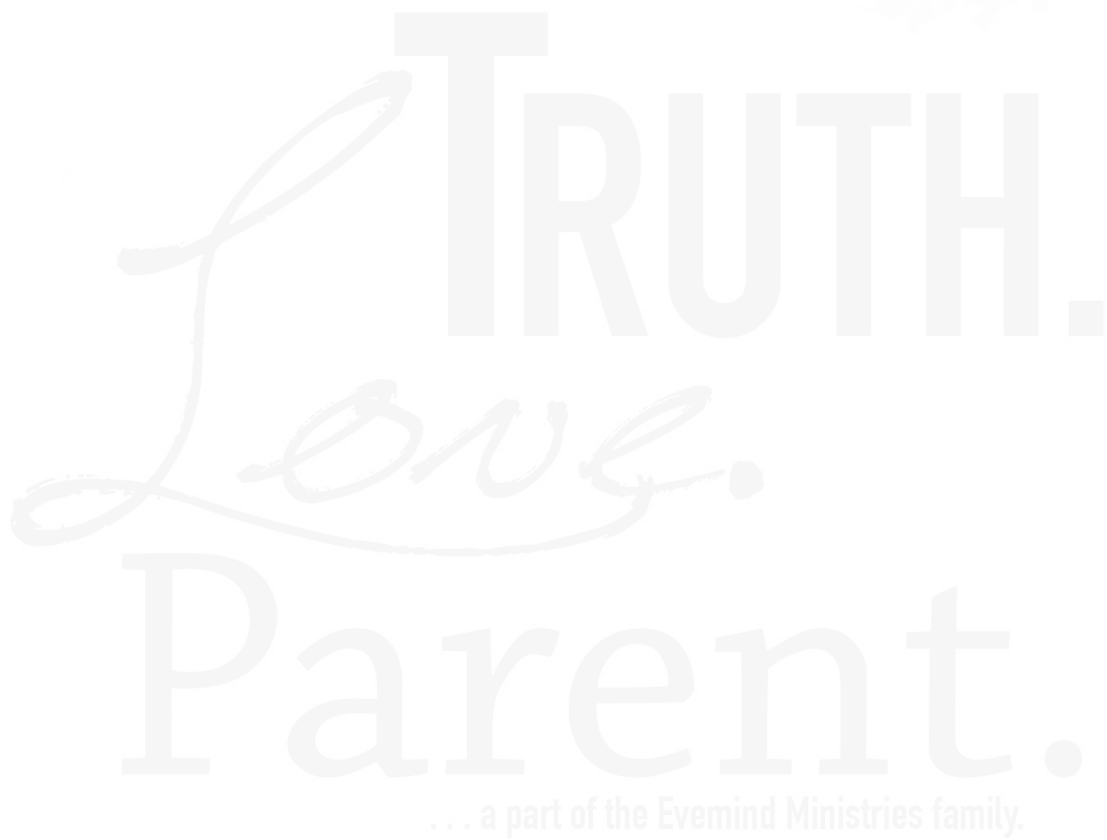
II. The parents who have taken ownership of their children's education aren't making sure they're educated in the right things.

- Many parents are very invested what their children are learning, but
- Much of that education doesn't live up to the level God would expect.
- And what's worse is, though the child may have an amazing academic education, they're not learning the Truths of Scripture.

III. What our role in education should be.

- Explanation We are not allowed to delegate our kid's spiritual education. The whole Bible makes it plainly clear that it's our job. That doesn't mean we can't or shouldn't bring other people in to participate in that education, but it does mean we should be doing the bulk of it. So, for clarification, I'm saying that going to church, and the Christian school, and mentors, and so on are okay . . . if dad and mom are the key disciplers in their children's lives. And remember, the more people who get involved in your children's spiritual education, the more people you will have to actively stay connected with to be sure they're teaching your children Truth. I'm a biblical counselor, and I'm never offended when a parent wants to double-check with me what I've been teaching their kids. That's how it should be.
- And, number two, if you're going to delegate their academic education, you'll still need to be involved. As I said earlier, no one can teach a subject without also passing on a world view. I used the example of math because most people think that the class most devoid of philosophical considerations. But it's not. Math is the language of the universe; a universe that God created. To teach math and ignore the Creator Who ordered the cosmos and made certain that one plus one would always equal two is to teach that God either doesn't exist or isn't important to our discussion of math. But, my friends, God is absolutely and completely important to any discussion of anything. So, not only should you be aware of the way the academic subjects are being taught, but you should also be aware that the school is also going to teach your children a belief system about nearly everything else in life from how to dress, what to believe about sexuality, how to handle bullies, what the motivation for team sports is, how to handle disobedience and disrespect. Do you know what your children are being taught at school?
- And lastly, life skills. Most kids will find it difficult to find someone other than their parents to educate them in cooking, auto care, mending, balancing a checkbook, fixing a broken faucet, mowing a lawn, or even good interviewing techniques. Where are they supposed to learn that? Mom and Dad, you need to take responsibility for your kids' education. You may have to learn some new life skills along the way, but it will be worth it.

- I. **Point One**
 - Explanation



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