

EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY

by Rick and Marilyn and a small sampling of their children.

I. Intro

Educating our children for eternity means we must train them in such a way that they will do the maximum good for their own and succeeding generations according to God's eternal values. To do so, we must keep three principles in mind. We must:

--Purpose Godly Goals

--Perpetuate Godly Generations

--Pursue Godly Methods

II. Body

A. To Educate for Eternity Means to Purpose Godly Goals

--Is. 58:12: God calls us to rebuild the old foundations: Authority of Scripture, primacy and sufficiency of the family, truth of God as basis for principles of government and culture

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B. To Educate for Eternity Means Perpetuating Godly Generations

--If our generation were all redeemed but failed to pass it on, the work would all have to be done over again in the next generation.

C. To Educate for Eternity Means to Pursue Godly Methods

--Reject school as a model for what we do. Discipleship is God's method including in the family. Parents and grandparents, not school teachers, are commanded by God to teach children.

--Boss the books, don't let them boss you
--Make use of individual interests to motivate learning. Interests may change over time, but that's ok. Let him try it a while and move on.

--The curriculum you use is not nearly as important as the way in which you use it.

--If you give your children a love for learning and an understanding of how to be a self-directed learner, you have done your job well.

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III. Conclusion (Rick):

And God will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers, lest He come and smite the earth with a curse.

Is. 58:12: And those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins,
You will raise up the age-old foundations,
