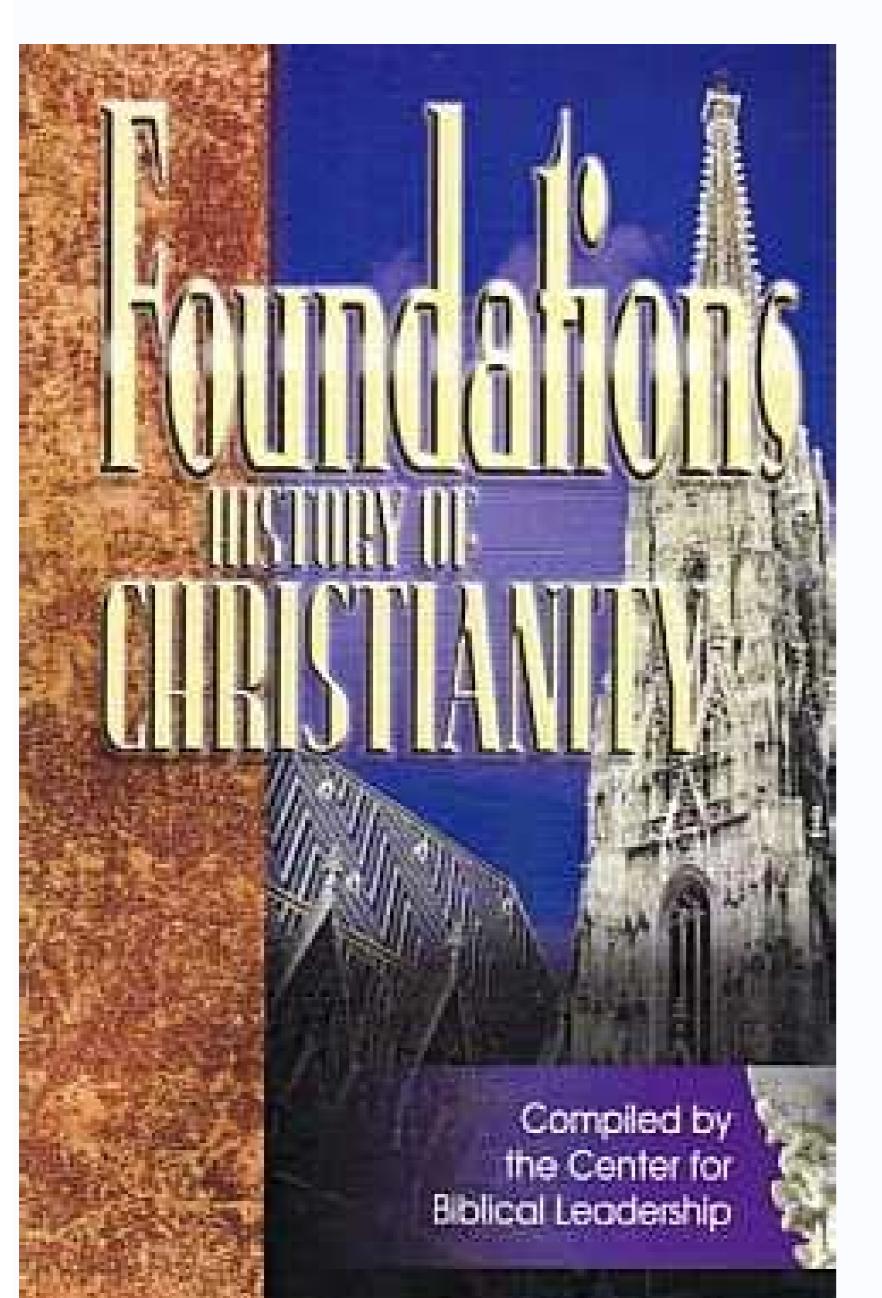
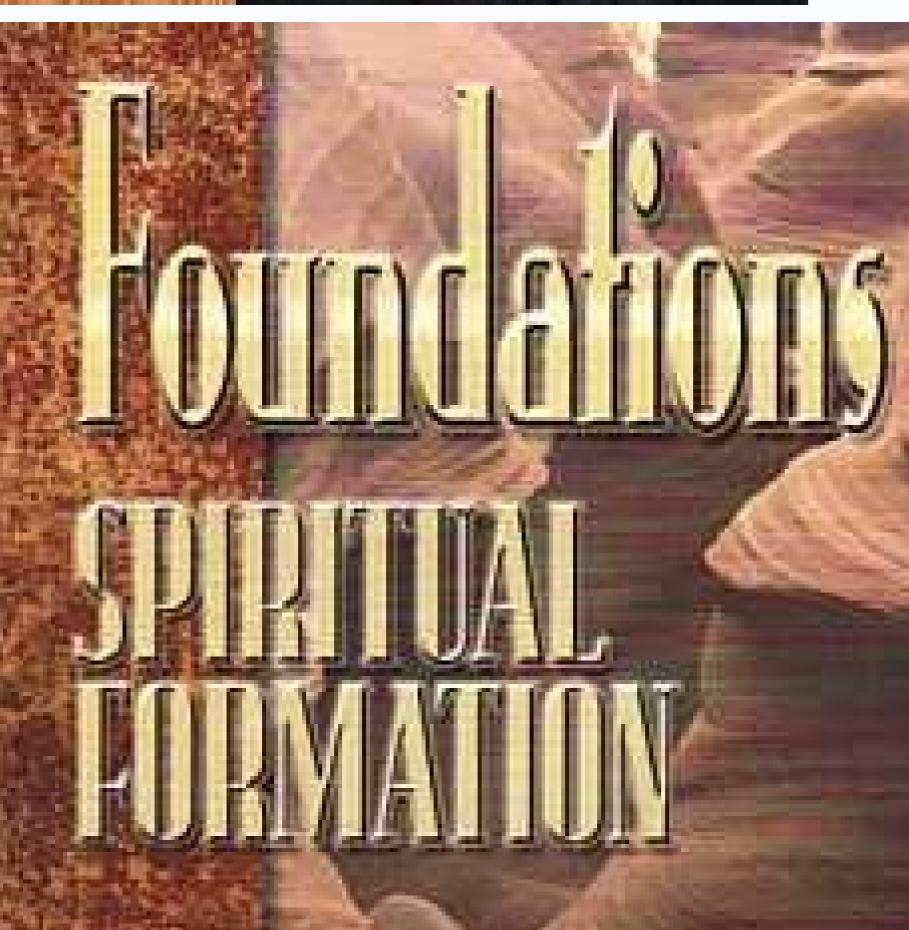


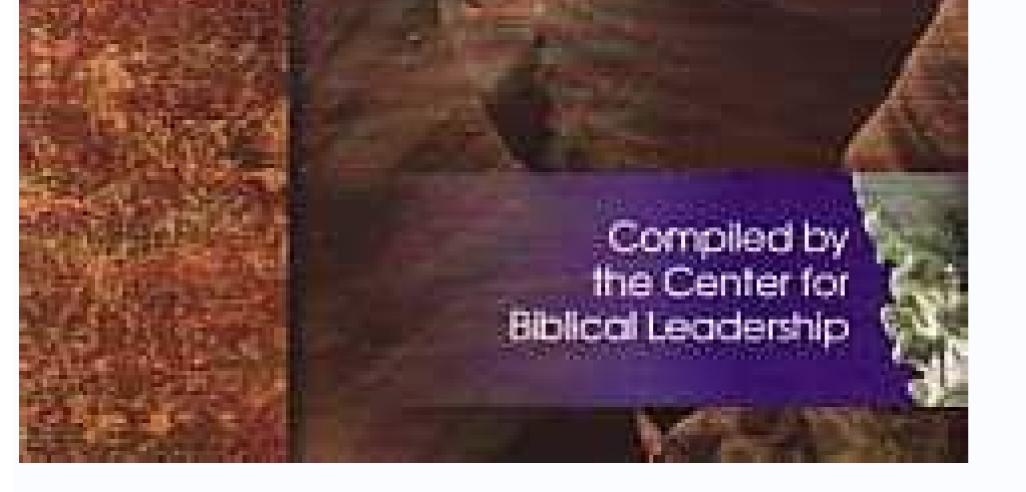


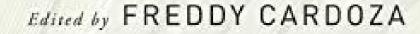
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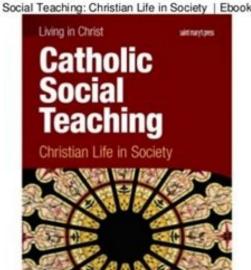
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Its context was the long history of a rich teaching style. In this context the word didasko appears in a context that reinforces its biblical emphasis—spiritual teaching aims to produce godliness and Christlike maturity. Several specific dimensions of biblical Christian education surface, though we have opportunity to explore only a few exemplary passages. He discovers that he is a part of a great teaching tradition. Forms of the word teach are used only negatively (e.g., teaching of Balaam, 2:14; teaching of Balaam, 2:15). Going, baptizing, and teaching are not the means of discipling, but they characterize it. The approach is personal; John avoids quotations or other scholarly distinctives. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1978. To the Hebrew the concept that God was the teacher emerged from the nature of God Himself. Pazmiño, Robert W. PRACTICALITY: JAMES What are we to say about the book of James-other than that all instructional activity by Christian teachers needs to produce some obvious behavioral effect in the lives of students. The Christian Educator's Handbook on Teaching. Other words richly portray teaching as separating issues and ideas, sharpening or pricking learners, and shepherding. a thoroughly Christian view of education must not only be based upon Scripture; it must also stand under it.¹³ PRIMACY OF TEACHING: 1 CORINTHIANS The letters to the troubled church at Corinth were hardly designed to identify a theology of education, but great truths about teaching flow therefrom. Gangel, Kenneth O., and Howard Hendricks, eds. Evangelical education retains its commitment to absolute truth-namely, that truth throughout Holy Scripture is not subject to change. This maturity is achieved when a person has a knowledge of God's Word, with understanding, that results in changed behavior: bearing fruit, growing in knowledge, becoming stronger in endurance and patience, and being thankful.¹² The noun disciple (math t s) comes from the verb manthano meaning to learn. Paul uses didask fifteen times in his letters, two of which appear in 1 Corinthians (4:17; 11:14), Romans 2:21 uses the word in the traditional sense of teaching others; Romans 12:7 deals with the teaching office (gift) in the church; and Galatians 1:12 refers to handing on a tradition. In it the Christian finds his heritage from the past and his hope for the future. Colin Brown (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978), 3:797. 12. Later in Scripture an emphasis on affections and intentions appears, but in the final analysis God requires properly motivated action, not just good intentions or a warm heart. Moses reminded his people that God directed me to teach you and showed again how teaching takes place in the matrix of the family. We learn the secret of Ezra's success in one poignant verse: For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel (Ezra 7:10). The most common word translated teach in the Old Testament is lamath, which means to stimulate, to exercise in. In the third usage we see both the universal church and the local church. And the God of peace will be with you. The instruction of the Shema contained in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 set the agenda for the home and the nation. Stuart Rosenberg calls Christians to rediscover roots that are Semitic.⁷ Hebrew origins of Christian education have been amply chronicled by William Barclay⁸ and Lewis Joseph Sherrill.⁹ Certain dominant threads make up the fabric of the rise of teaching in Hebrew history. 13:24; 17:10; 22:15; 29:15; 17). Sara Little, The Role of the Bible in Contemporary Christian Education, rev. Emphasis was upon the death, resurrection, and exaltation of Jesus. The immediate context obviously deals with the heavenly Father and His earthly children; but one can quickly see a principle easily adapted to Christian parents and even classroom teachers: No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Gangel KENNETH O. 2:22), occurs no fewer than fifteen times in the pastorals. True, Paul dealt exclusively with Greek or Aramaic speaking peoples, and where possible he stayed in a synagogue setting. In Acts we learn that the persistent behavior of Christians involved the apostles' teaching (koinonia), prayers, observance of the Lord's Supper, and compassionate caring—first to the saints, then toward all others. Such a biblical theology is too broad a subject to treat extensively in this chapter, but it must be taken into account if we are to devise a comprehensive statement on the nature of New Testament education. THE BIBLE For evangelicals the issue of biblical inerrancy and authority is foundational. This helps us to keep our focus in Christian education clear and steady even as we adjust appropriately to the major trends of chapter 5, which affect our future ministry in Christian education. 20-21). It is to that new era that we now give attention. A basic presupposition for the evangelical Christian. It is also not accurate to force the Bible into making truth statements in every field of human investion. What the Tabernacle in the wilderness and the Temple in Jerusalem were to the devout, the synagogue became to the Jew in exile. 15, and also cited in J. INSTRUCTION We look in vain for widespread Septuagint usage of didaskalia in the wilderness and the Temple in Jerusalem were to the devout, the synagogue became to the Jew in exile. 15, and also cited in J. INSTRUCTION We look in vain for widespread Septuagint usage of didaskalia in the wilderness and the Temple in Jerusalem were to the law considered as the will of God. So he went out to find the man he considered most qualified to carry out the task, and Saul of Tarsus became the first minister of education in a local church, assisting senior pastor Barnabas for a whole year as they met with the church and taught great numbers of people (vv. 4:16). Center stage in the Commission stands the imperative—make disciples Peter seems determined to link doctrine with practice. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1986. Jesus Himself was the Master Teacher, His disciples spread the Good News through preaching and teaching. New converts from paganism could not be counted upon to know and respect the traditional Jewish roots of family education central to the Old Testament era. 2 Establishing Biblical Foundations RECOVER THE BIBLICAL ROOTS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION • By looking at early Hebrew and Christian approaches to educational words • For building a sound theology of educational action • For revitalizing contemporary Christian education Christian education arises from the fertile soil of the Bible. E. Jesus was a teacher, and He used teaching as the chief vehicle of communication. In modern parlance, of course, this is nothing more nor less than Christian education (cf., 1 Pet. But Jews have commonly referred this to the office of teacher. TEACHING AS EXHORTATION: 1 AND 2 PETER The first epistle of Peter offers practical exhortation and comfort for believers' daily needs. Jim Wilhoit, Christian Education and the Search for Meaning (Grand Rapids: Baker 1986), pp. We cannot rest content until all men come to know jesus Christ whom to know jesus Christ whom to know jesus Christian Education and the Search for Meaning. ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: JOHN 16:12-15 Although we find explicit references to the Holy Spirit in the synoptic gospels, it was left to John the evangelist to detail how the third Person of the Trinity assists the teaching-learning process. Quoted in Introduction to Biblical Christian Education, ed. An example of that kind of attempt to make Jesus the man for all seasons is Norman Richardson's The Christ of the Classroom. It also analyzed reviews to verify trustworthiness. More than worship, however, is prompted by hanak. EDUCATION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT Christianity takes its educational cues from a cluster of sources. The view that the Scriptures are the authoritative Word from God rather than a means of stifling the human spirit allows us to become all that God intended in His creative process. ed. EDUCATION IN WISDOM LITERATURE In the wisdom literature the moralizing and humanizing trend in education not only continues but expands. be communicated to the people of God. Elwood, and A. 8. 15. Perhaps we should not limit this promise only to the immediate hearers or the first century of the Christian era. In Paul's own testimony he describes his ministry as preaching and teaching, testifying and proclaiming (the Greek noun episkop appears in Luke 19:44; Acts 1:20; 1 Tim. A Christian Approach to Education. DISCIPLINE: HEBREWS If one single word can identify the educational thrust of the book of Hebrews, it would be the word discipline (Greek, paideia [noun], paideu [verb], which occurs seven times in chap. Eleanor Daniel emphasizes the significance of maturity in the discipling process: The purpose of Bible teaching is to bring change into the life of the learner until he has reached maturity in Christ—a life long task. Or more broadly, What can Scripture teach us about the nature and role of Christian education among evangelicals? The Commission mandates both evangelism and teaching, with the latter being at least equal and quite possibly greater in emphasis. A dramatic passage in Hebrews 12 emphasizes that educational process depends upon the orderliness of discipline and the requirement of punishment. 13. The primary focus is not on humans but on God. Wheaton, Ill.: Victor, 1989. 6:20). 17. The importance of knowing why we do what we do in education that is Christian is addressed in the philosophical foundation of chapter 4. In Jeremiah 8:8 we learn of the role of the scribes, the professional class of teachers in Israel whose task it was to preserve the written and oral traditions of the nation. Consider carefully one entire passage: It was he who gave some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 12:4-13), but that distinction is less clearly defined in the Old Testament. We are to share the good news of salvation from the power and penalty of sin by faith in the redemptive work of Christ; and we are to teach the revealed truth of God's written and living Word to persons of all ages and stages of life in the process of becoming Christ's true disciples. Romans and Galatians develop the doctrine of salvation (among other doctrines) squarely based on the authoritative message of God's Word (Rom. 28). 21. BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING: ACTS 11 Acts 11 provides no treatise on learning theory, but it does demonstrate how the early church seriously committed itself to educational ministry. New Testament teaching did not emerge in a vacuum. The entire universal Body of Christ stands under the requirements of this great teaching commission. The heroes of the Pentateuch are shown at their best as the servants of Jehovah. 4:14; Col. Many have taken it to mean sharing the gospel and thereby limit the Great Commission to evangelism at home and abroad. 15:9; Mark 7:7; Rom. Hakes, ed., An Introduction to Evangelical Christian Education (Chicago: Moody, 1964), p. Werner Graendorf (Chicago: Moody, 1981), p. It developed as one of those rare educational Issues in Christian Education. Eli teaches Samuel, who in turn teaches Israel's first two kings. His power permeates truth wherever it is found. The last verse of the Petrine epistles waves a flag commonly flown by Christian educators: But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Here, in this simple word used to convey the notion of teaching, is a world of pictures. Richards, Lawrence O. Earlier in the chapter Moses stands before all the Israelites and reminds them one final time that the covenant of God is with the nation, but the nation, but the nation, but the nation, but the nation is represented by its families (Deut. Introduction to Christian Education. Only the Scriptures will provide a rudder through crisis and, at the same time, chart a course to remedy the ills of society. Profoundly convinced of God's leading through His covenant relationship with Israel, the Hebrews faithfully taught the young so that they should put their confidence in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments (Ps. 78:7). And to be entirely biblical, it must center in Christ. Birmingham, Ala.: Religious Education, 1985. ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT TEACHING: 1, 2, 3 JOHN, JUDE, REVELATION All three Johannine epistles offer exhortation important to us in the late twentieth century. Take hold of instruction; do not let go. He lists the credentials of true teachers to help his readers become discerning students of God's Word (1:12-21). Daniel, Eleanor; John W. Selected words illustrate the emergence of an educational style. Guard her; for she is your life, wrote the sage (Prov. Barclay writes, It is necessary clearly to remember that the Synagogue was very much more a place of teaching than the modern Church 4. Christian Education: Seeking to Become Like Jesus Christ. EDUCATION IN THE PROPHETS As the book of Isaiah opens, the Bible reader experiences something of a déjà vu or a first-time experience with the earlier historical books. He told them, You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed (v. It is not extraneous, it is essential. The principal purpose of the synagogue was teaching. He deals often with service and suffering (3:8-4:19), and in the last chapter of the first epistle he reminds the elders of their responsibility for modeling godly behavior before the flock. EDUCATION IN THE PAULINE EPISTLES As a premier educator, the apostle Paul offers solid emphasis for the church's instructional ministry. John promises us the Holy Spirit will guide us into truth (16:13), probably a reference to the truth about Christ, His person, and His work in the world. Consider the texts of importance: Matthew 25:36, 43; Luke 1:68, 78; 7:16; Acts 6:3; 7:23; 15:14, 36; Hebrews 2:6; 12:15; James 1:27; 1 Peter 5:2. The noun occurs 264 times in the New Testament, exclusively in the gospels and Acts. Faith formation, faith explanation, and moral development are seen in the apostolic tradition. 41-42. (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1963), pp. Peter, for example, though he does not use didaskalia or paideia (discipline), gives over entire paragraphs to the development of maturity in the people of God and the importance of their remembering knowledge germain to the proper practice of Christian living. W. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me (Col. Paul in his preaching developed those faith-forming themes but emphasized another dimension—Christ as preexistent agent of creation and reconciler of all things to Himself by His death on the cross. Jesus emphasized life change, not content transmission. When we consider any proper understanding of the biblical foundation of Christian education we must account for God. This change is seen devotionally in Psalms and practically in Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. 10:8-11). Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring (1:3-4). Elwood Sanner, ed., Exploring Christian Education (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1978), pp. Yet we often fail to notice two crucial dimensions of the passage: 1. Viewing the Bible as God's living Word can recharge Christian education in the local church. In his first letter he admonishes them to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody (4:11-12). 5. Prophets served as the teachers in Israel both before, during, and after the Exile. Throughout its pages Luke demonstrates the dependability of Barnabas, the availability of Philip, the loyalty of Dorcas, and the consistency of Silas. In a sense there is no such thing as secular truth and Christian truth. Nashville: Abingdon, 1982. EDUCATION IN ACTS The book of Acts opens with Christ's ascension but moves quickly to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the launching of the New Covenant church. Furthermore, the nature of the church—its mission and ministry in the world as revealed in the Scriptures—provides a framework for educational action. But a shifting theology will correct nothing. 25-26). They became copyists, editors, and interpretation thereof). This truth is one. John claims, I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth (2:21). The Sabbath, the feast days, and the bar mitzvah were all part of a living students understand the basics of Christian education ensures they are better prepared for theological pedagogy. Thus, the law itself was viewed by the Hebrew people as the substance of their teaching, a light and a guide to life. "To be Christian education must: have God's esteem for the human being, sense the task to be a whole-life experience of growth and maturity, and give opportunity for service through experiential action."³ What seems obvious from both of the above definitions (and from numerous other contributions by evangelical educators) is the absolute link between Christian education and theology. The law of God may be seen as that body of teaching cast forth by the Spirit of God. The Pentateuch allows no room for discussions of interpretation, no flexibility for different viewpoints. But then he discovered that more was required; these new converts needed serious biblical instruction. He seems to harmonize perfectly the roles of evangelism and edification, a balance we find difficult to maintain in the late twentieth-century church. Learn more how customers reviews work on Amazon Loading PreviewSorry, preview is currently unavailable. Wisdom takes on a personal connotation as the mediator of revelation (Prov. HAYES, Ph.D., is executive director, Mount Hermon, California. The folk canon, which often does not include some sections of the New Testament, is content to leave out most of the Old Testament. PHYSICAL DISCIPLINE Of great concern to Christian educators is the role of discipline in preparing disciples. To the degree, however, that the Bible purports to assert truths, evangelicals affirm its authority and infallibility. Christian teachers must be intensely interested in truth, as so must their students. James issues a warning that must echo in the minds of all who adopt the mantle of instruction: Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly (3:1). Christians argue about the significance of Matthew 16:19 and the curious phrase keys of the kingdom. William Barclay's classic work Educational Ideals in the Ancient World spells it out clearly: It has always to be remembered that Jewish education was entirely religious education. Randolph Crump Miller, Education for Christian Living, 2d ed. He understood that all learning involves a process. In other words, Paul's teaching focused on making truth applicable to people in their present needs. The last two books of the New Testament do not add much to our understanding of educational ministry. Believers had developed a fixed doctrinal tradition, a corpus of truth to be perpetuated in the church. After describing the kind of behavior he avoided (1 Thess. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE CHURCH: ACTS 2:42-47 What is a church? Charles Benton Eavey has stated it well: Teaching was His chief business. THE GREAT COMMISSION: MATTHEW 28:16-20 The last paragraph of Matthew offers New Testament readers a commissioning narrative much like those found in Genesis 12, Exodus 3, and Isaiah 6. The New Testament readers a commissioning narrative much like those found in Genesis 12, Exodus 3, and Isaiah 6. The New Testament cannot conceive of a disciple who has not been baptized and instructed. 6-7). (Richmond, Va: John Knox, 1962), p. We look to the biblical record for both its origin and form. Miller. Chapter 1 gives a clear and definitive answer to that vital question. 12:7; 15:4; Eph. Wilhoit, Jim. To the evangelical, the Bible functions as the primary source and the only inerrant criterion of truth. False teachers are exposed, and the Lord's return is reviewed. Mark A. In 1963 Randolph Crump Miller commended a simple definition by Adelaide Case: "Christian education is the effort to make available for our generation—children, young people, and adults—the accumulated treasures of Christian life and thought, in such a way that God in Christian education is the effort to make available for our generation—children, young people, and adults—the accumulated treasures of Christian life and thought, in such a way that God in Christian education is the effort to make available for our generation—children, young people, and adults—the accumulated treasures of Christian life and thought, in such a way that God in Christian education is the effort to make available for our generation—children, young people, and adults—the accumulated treasures of Christian life and thought, in such a way that God in Christian education is the effort to make available for our generation—children, young people, and adults—the accumulated treasures of Christian life and thought, in such a way that God in Christian education is the effort to make available for our generation—children, young people, and adults—the accumulated treasures of Christian life and thought, in such a way that God in Christian education is the effort to make available for our generation—children, young people, and adults—the accumulated treasures of Christian education is the effort to make available for our generation. soul and in the common life of man.² More recently, Mark Lamport observed that the primary difference between secular education and Christian. In his second epistle Peter shows himself as both a concerned pastor and a champion of theological orthodoxy. (Eph. Old Testament usage does not primarily denote the communication of knowledge and skills but rather centers on how one's life ought to be lived (Deut. 1:28; 2:7; 3:16; 2 Thess. Sanner, A. Karen Tye identifies eight major basics of Christian education in her book and provides an in-depth analysis of these basics providing reasons behind each of the basics. The New Covenant has been activated by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the One in charge assumes His followers will be going where the needs are. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen (3:18). 12). Titus 2 represents a vertical model of adult education. THE APOSTOLIC TRADITION We dare not underestimate the powerful thrust of the Great Commission and its teaching directive upon the apostles. 2. The Bible describes it as a sharing, caring ministry in which elders serve God's people. SERVANTHOOD Though developed to a much greater extent in the New Covenant, the germinal idea of serving God begins early in the text of Scripture. Sara Little wrote several decades ago that Christian education is to be

a servant and not a master of revelation.¹ That vantage point is particularly important in developing an educational stance and style. Without the benefit of modern learning, which encompasses the total person—cognitive, affective, and conative dimensions. All the elements of revelation at the elements of the eleme developed in the Pentateuch are retained to a greater or lesser extent, but now different kinds of teachers appear. In several dominant words that recur frequently we are able to infer a context in which education is to take place. 1:20; 8:32; 9:1). How did Jesus become so effective without bells and schedules, a fixed classroom, and an overhead projector or flannelgraph?¹¹ THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS How important is Matthew's brief notation at the end of his record of the Sermon on the Mount: When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law (Matt. To carry out this Great Commission responsibility, Christians must know what Christian education really is. The Passover particularly kindled a reminder of the past. We must return to the Bible, which has made every renewal movement in Protestantism possible. Instruction is viewed as direction from God. Apostolic preaching formed the core of action, calling men and women to repentance. 11). Noah proclaimed the coming Flood, and his family entered the ark (Gen. But his main complaint stems from the minimal accord afforded the Old Testament among educators. Isaiah moans, The ox knows his master, the donkey his owner's manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand (Isa However, the Hebrew word mûs r rises to great importance since it appears thirty times in the book of Proverbs, usually emphasizing discipline but most commonly translated as instruction, synonymous with wisdom throughout this portion of the Old Testament. 2:2; Titus 1:11). 2:10-15). As Christianity moved outward to the larger Roman world it became necessary to emphasize family (primarily parental) responsibility in teaching. The great divide is nothing less than the authority of the Bible and its acceptance as normative.... The word itself (Greek ekkl sia) is used in the Old Testament), and the Body of Christ. 1:5-11; 3:1-2, 14-18). Furthermore, the thirteen verb-form usages of episkopoo (episkeptomai and episkopoo) show us a ministry we have come to identify with ruling and ordering. Further, an undue literal emphasis on the words themselves removes from the reader and interpreter the responsibility of hearing God's Spirit speaking through the whole.⁵ In addition, Thomas suggests that folk canon may often be augmented by denominational publications and popularist writings. We usually have to rely upon the material from the postbiblical period to give insight into the corporate behavior of Christians in worship, fellowship, and learning. Again Barclay is helpful in emphasizing that in addition to focus on God, the center of education among the Jews was the home, and the responsibility of teaching that the parent cannot evade, if he is to satisfy the law of God.⁷ THE TEACHING TASK The Hebrew word for teach (I mad) is translated in the Septuagint by the word didasko, which occurs about one hundred times. 2:1-6), Paul explained his leadership style as gentle, caring, loving, sharing, encouraging, comforting, and fatherly. 28-29). For this reason Christian education must teach not just knowledge or skills but service of God through responsible action.⁸ EDUCATION IN THE HISTORICAL BOOKS In the historical books little new truth surfaces regarding the teaching-learning processes of God's people. He came from God, and He taught God's message as one having authority. Household ritual provoked wonder, reverence, and joy—as well as questions (see Deut. The book of Revelation emphasizes again the significance of God's written revelation and its impact on local churches This marvelous model of Christian education describes what we do it (personalization, thoroughness), and even why we do it (to render our students mature [complete] in Christ). We find it most commonly in the Psalms, Deuteronomy, and Jeremiah. What serves as a caution for the study of Jesus' educational techniques must serve as a caution for educational study anywhere in the New Testament. 7. It is both safe and profitable to pay attention to the biblical data without inferring too much by way of dogma in method. 14. Let us save formal definitions for the theologians and notice that in one brief paragraph at the end of Acts 2 we see the church as a devoted, sharing, and worshiping people (Acts 2:42-47). He not only knew what He was to teach, but it is not the point of beginning. It is not something nice to have, it is something necessary to have. 8:32-36). How different this was from the rabbis, who determined that tradition must be passed on unchanged. In the latter part of chapter 12 where Paul identifies spiritual gifts, he places teachers just behind apostles and prophets (v. Gifted leaders minister to serving people to produce to produc a unified congregation with biblical alertness and spiritual growth. 1:3-9, 13-14, 22-25; 2:1-3, 11-20; 3:13-17; 4:7-19; 2 Pet. It lies in a return to a central principle of education—namely, that of going to original sources. Hebrew words dealing with the concept of education, like Near Eastern thought in general, portray vivid word pictures. Our concern at the beginning of this important book is to ask What can Scripture teach us about teaching? Protestant Reformer John Calvin articulated this key idea centuries ago: If we believe that the spirit of God is the only foundation of truth, we shall neither reject nor despise the truth wherever it shall appear... A word for teach (didaskaloi) appears only in the third chapter (3:1), which speaks to teachers without hesitation or vagueness. FOCUSING ON THE FAMILY Respected Christian educators understand the significance of the family in teaching, but rarely do we see covenant continuity more dramatically displayed than in the early books of the Old Testament. 1:3). These learners epitomized the growing, developing student in the Christian education process who strives ultimately to be like his teacher (Luke 6:40). Wilhoit, p. The education of a child from the Hebrew perspective was viewed as an act of consecration. Having students understand the basics of Christian education ensures they are better... Want more? LeBar, Lois E. Thus priest prophet, king, sage, and scribe were all viewed as interpreters in one way or another of the grand drama of the Lord in history and in revelation. Both Josephus and Philo carry the synagogue back to the time of Moses. Harper, eds. The importance of teaching in the Old Testament may also be seen in the various words used to describe the communication of God's works and word to mankind. Words for teaching and instruction appear more than ten times in 1 Timothy alone, and one gets the impression early on that Paul purposes to instruct Timothy how to educate the believers at Ephesus. He was creator, covenantor, and sustainer. So we come full circle to emphasizing the centrality of the Bible in any instructional activity that can be properly called Christian education. It should not seem strange that the church was founded by Jews, the New Testament was written by Jews, the New Testament was written by Jews (with the exception of Luke), and the Bible of the early church was the Hebrew Scriptures of the Old Testament. 11:19; 20:18). We have already noted the impact of Ezra. Want more? Elwood Sanner suggests that the scribes provide us with ancient historical background for varied methodology in teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. Gangel and Howard Hendricks, eds., The Christian Educator's Handbook on Teaching (Wheaton, Ill.: Victor, 1988), p. It is the key word together (lit., with one mind or purpose) and describes the attitude of those early believers. Anyone can confess a high view of the nature of the Scripture, but ultimately the real test is whether or not it is read, taught, studied, and lived in the life and community of faith.⁴ As J. The Bible is the Word of God; it is the Foundation and the final Authority for the goals and content of Christian education. Wade; and Charles Gresham. 49. And when a generation failed to follow God's truth, turmoil inevitably followed (Ex. 1; Judg. The focus changes, and a prevailing lifestyle emerges. Sara Little observes: When Christian education actually becomes the true relevance of the Christian revelation and overcomes many false dichotomies of the past in its recognition of the organic relations between doctrine and experience, between content and method, between truth and life.¹⁴ In Ephesians we find something of a high-water mark in terms of the church. It is the work of the church. It is not a part of the church. It is not a part of the church. It is the work of the church. It is not a part of an awareness of the essential theological underpinning of the faith.⁴ EDUCATION IN THE PENTATEUCH In a brilliant article published in 1987, Timothy Thomas pleads for a greater respect of the Old Testament among Christian educators, asking us to abandon our folk canon. We claim dogma in faith but not dogma in methodology. The answer is a clear affirmative. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it (v. He hands on the tradition to the family; he does so in answer to the question of his children (Ex. 12:26 f.), and his answer is a confession of God's saving activity toward Israel. To be sure, Paul dominates most of the book, butter on the tradition to the family; he does so in answer to the question of his children (Ex. 12:26 f.) and his answer is a confession of God's saving activity toward Israel. the lay leaders God gathered around him to carry out
the ministry of the church played a crucial role. Wheaton, Ill.: Victor, 1988. You can download the paper by clicking the button above. To calculate the overall star rating and percentage breakdown by star, we donâ the paper by clicking the button above. To calculate the overall star rating and help! 1981). Verse 46 uses the word homothumadon, which appears eleven times in the New Testament, ten of which occur in the book of Acts. Biblical principles of education challenge us to perform our teaching tasks with total commitment. Howard Hendricks wants his readers to grasp the significance of Christ's method as well: No one could ever accuse Iesus of a truncated educational philosophy. Wilhoit sees in this a call to a special kind of Christian education: The focus of God's concern was on action. 2:12; 4:11; 6:2; 2 Tim. Stephen Bayne in The christian Idea of Education in those who have already believed. So great was instruction in the eyes of God's chosen people that they equated it with life. Katechesis and paradid mi, New Testament. There is a need to understand the basics of Christian education. 6. Packer has stated so well in Inerrancy and Common Sense: Scripture is the God-given record, explanation, and application of God's once-for-all redemptive words and deeds on the stage of space-time history, and that its intended function is to 'instruct' ... for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15).⁵ The direction of our educational stance is plain. Chapter 3 reviews our historical roots in the growth of Christian education. These basics act as the foundation for effective Christian education both for teachers and students. Lee, James Michael. They are superstitious who dare not borrow anything from profane writers. GANGEL, Ph.D., is department chairman and professor of Christian education, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. 2:15; 1 Tim. 74. When we relate Acts 11 to chapters 2 and 4, we see a tremendous progression in the development of truth and the process of teaching in the church. If God is the author of all truth, then we believe in a unitary wholeness and interrelationship of truth to all subject fields. Adam and Eve serve God by caring for His creation. The first missionary journey demonstrates what it really means to teach the message of Christ to other cultures. Christ's incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection are essential, of course, but His modeling/mentoring role as Master Teacher has provided Christian educators a poignant demonstration for almost two thousand years. Foundational to a vital church ministry is a vital and authoritative theology. Forty-five times the gospels call Jesus teacher, and fourteen times they refer to Him as rabbi. Often Christian view of human nature and spiritual growth. 11. Wegenast, in Teach, Instruct, Tradition, Education and Discipline, in The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology, ed. This assessment is not meant to discourage educational investigation into the teaching methods Jesus employed, but one must always be reminded that our categorizations, and conclusions, in large measure, are biased by our contemporary understanding of education. With the dawning of a new age, the epoch of Christian tradition built firmly upon the law and the prophets. In 2 Timothy 3:16 we discover that God's inspired Scripture (lit., God-breathed)—presumably the Old Testament—is profitable for teaching. But now things were to be done differently. Context is of low priority. When a child began to be instructed in the Torah—the Hebrew law—honey and sweet cakes were used as incentive. They spent time together and shared common goods to meet each other's needs. Several themes, however, can be developed from the New Testament data, revealing the central importance of education in the life of the early church. 29:9-15; Ps. 78:1-8; Prov. Three of Paul's uses of paradid mi (Greek instruction) occur in 1 Corinthians (11:2, 23; 15:3). The Old Testament folk canon is often comprised of Genesis, narrative materials up to the end of Esther, Psalms, the occasional Proverb, the Christmas sections of the prophets (courtesy of Handel), and, for those of an eschatological bent, additional sections from the prophets. The book of Proverbs introduces the dimension of physical correction, not earlier seen as a part of the Old Testament instructional process (Prov. All truth is from God, and consequently, if wicked men have said anything that is true and just, we ought not reject it, for it has come from God.³ The crisis of the recent debate over the Scripture and its defense has tended to detract the church from its central task of actually teaching the Bible. Remember, too, that the Holy Spirit affects not only the teacher and the learner, but also the subject matter and the learner, but also the subject matter and the learner and the l being (Gen. Christian teaching finds its impetus in the etymological context of pregnant Greek words that articulate the teaching function. It does not ignore the contemporary setting and the developmental needs of the learner, but it finds its roots in the Word of God. Dr.Howard Hendricks Professor of Christian Education Dallas Theological Seminary A church bulletin board phrase Don't just keep the faith—give it away may well capture the essence of what Christians are community, in the church, and in church related organizations. We must teach the Bible itself. This verb is used in Proverbs 22:6: Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it. His clear intent is to describe Christian doctrine or instruction delivered at an earlier time. Ibid., p. But a secular university cannot provide the natural habitat for Christians are free to investigate all subject fields and all human wisdom, confident that God is the author of all truth. Thus the psalmist refers to the law as sweet as honey in my mouth (Ezek. Mainline orthodoxy, particularly as evidenced by the twentieth-century evangelical movement, holds a traditional and somewhat normative interpretation of these five dramatic verses, namely, that this paragraph lays the foundation stone for the modern missionary movement. And it is noted that daily in the Temple and in houses the apostles kept on teaching and preaching Jesus Christ (Acts 5:42). The Commission has been given not only for apostles, or for missionaries alone, but to the church. 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The heart of the Commission (vv. Five educational groupings surface in the chapter: older men, older women, younger men, and slaves. faith and their way of life—they taught through the parents, the priest, the wise men, the prophets, the vaves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. His appropriate title simply affirms What Teaching Can Teach Us About Scripture.¹ In this chapter we will strive to reverse Talbott's idea and—indeed—his title. But the richest of the words for teaching is the one from which we get the word Torah itself. He encourages Christians to walk in the light. The ease with which the terms preach and teach are used to convey the corpus of God's truth and the curriculum of godly living attests to the fact that the teaching was no peripheral function. God commands that they obey their parents as next to him in importance. 13-14. The universal church contains only true believers, whereas the local church may include professing Christians who have not experienced regeneration. And so as parents, pastors, and disciples of Jesus, we teach others also—both young and old—to know, keep, and share the faith with the generations to come. Instead, our system considers things like how recent a review is and if the reviewer bought the item on Amazon. Timothy L. 4:13). A treatment of Deuteronomy 6 will come later, but here note the dramatic text of
Deuteronomy 29:29: The secret things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law. JESUS THE MASTER TEACHER Christian education had its beginning with Jesus. Contrary to some modern thinking, such a theology need not be viewed as wooden, lifeless, and culture-bound. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1988. Anyone who believes that Ezra's ministry may have been a turning point in the whole pattern of Jewish the the disciples commissioned to teach; and in Luke 12:12 we learn that the Holy Spirit will be their teacher. The fundamental thought underlying nearly everything that we would want to say about the Christian idea of education is that God is the teacher. Though the Acts 20 passage does not specifically describe the teaching ministry of these elders, we shall see from our explorations in the pastoral epistles how much of a role Christian education plays in elder responsibility. Rather, the biblical wellspring of principles and examples is vital to the creation, perpetuation, and renewal of Christian education endeavors. The Content of Religious Instruction: A Social Science Approach. Lamport, 'The Hand-Me-Down' Philosophy: A Challenge to Uniqueness in Christian Education, Christian E the Hebrews were called the People of the Book.¹⁰ God, to the Hebrew, was manifest both in history and in the law. Postbiblical Judaism was later to build on that Old Testament foundation. Little attempt is made to see a holistic picture. In his gospel, John presents the way of salvation, challenging readers to believe. 7:28-29). Practical exhortations such as let us live up to what we have already attained (Phil. Christian educators equip, enrich, and encourage God's servants so that the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1988. Josephus says of Moses: He commanded to instruct the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. children in elements of knowledge (grammata), to teach them to walk according to the laws, and to know the deeds of their forefathers.⁶ ABSOLUTE TRUTH Long before written portions of the Scripture were circulated, God's people viewed His Word through His anointed servants as absolute. Judges rule and prophets proclaim. Here we learn that elders and overseers are used as synonymous terms (compare verses 17 and 28). Jesus' disciples followed Him nearly everywhere (Mark 5:31; 10:24; Luke 8:9). Biblical Christian education should exhibit the characteristics of the main themes in the Johannine epistles: light, life, love, and knowledge. And Hebrew history, we need not be reminded, is largely Bible history. Perhaps one of the best recent discussions of this linkage was prepared by Jim Wilhoit in Christian Education and the Search for Meaning. Israel is referred to by the prophet Hosea as a trained heifer (Hosea 10:11). In a world that almost universally considers truth relative (subject to change and revision), Christian educators affirm the centrality of absolute truth. It is helpful to visualize the New Testament materials as forming three great emphases: to be a teacher in the New Testament materials as forming three great emphases. spiritual implications of the life of faith. Kenneth O. Sanner, p. All the expression Christian education implies in our contemporary world must somehow be subjected to the scrutiny of the explicit and implicit teachings of the Scriptures. 12-24). 4:6 f., 21 ff.).⁹ By the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, scribal emphasis on education had developed to an extensive degree. The Hebrew word hanak, to educate or to train, comes from a root word meaning to dedicate or consecrate. 4:11-16) There you have it. Advanced embedding details, examples, and help! Customer Reviews, including Product Star Ratings help customers to learn more about the product and decide whether it is the right product for them. One passage has become imbedded in Hebrew consciousness more deeply than any other. Moses thundered down from Mount Sinai and the law was given (Ex. 19-20). The Lord initiated these instructions, and Paul not only quotes existing tradition but interprets it in light of revelation he received. Seymour, Jack L., and Donald E. 1 What Christian Education Is DEFINING BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION • Recognizes the family-centeredness of Christian nurture throughout Scripture • Reaffirms the centrality of biblical revelation in the educative process • Reviews the example of Jesus as teacher, mentor, and leader • Rekindles the dynamic role of the Holy Spirit in the teaching-learning process • Responds to the Great Commission by balancing evangelism and edification ministry • Refocuses on education for spiritual growth—producing mature disciples Thomas Talbott once ruminated over the idea that God may have called him to be a teacher in order to show him how biblical revelation had been formed. 3:1; and 1 Pet. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. God controlled the events in the lives of His people; He initiated the covenants and law; He raised up leaders to instruct His people regarding personal and corporate righteousness. God honors such teaching with His grace. Such a theology does not spring from an existential base devoid of absolutes and certainties, but from revelatory truth. Corinthians 4:17 Paul promises to send Timothy to remind the Corinthians of what he teaches everywhere in every church. Thomas, The Old Testament 'Folk Canon' and Christian Education, The Asbury Theological Journal 42:2 (1987): 47. He highlighted multiplication of the Body in the world, not addition of members to the roll. It is derived from a word meaning to shoot, throw, or cast. The Greek word sophia, though it may denote skill in art or craft, economic shrewdness, or governmental ability, most commonly reflects the godly behavior that enables one to master life (Prov. It is our obligation, not merely an option. In this respect we refer to Christian education rather than religious education. EDUCATION IN THE GOSPELS The fact that Christian education must be biblical is precisely what makes it Christian. 8:1-21) who calls people to learn (Prov. The Thessalonian Christians acted upon Paul's teaching sufficiently that he could write in his second epistle, Your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. It rings true for teachers today who need the power of God's Spirit to help them comprehend spiritual truth, to allow the Spirit to glorify Christ in their lives (John 16:12-15). But the difference comes in articulating an education distinctly based upon theological propositions derived from the text of Scripture rather than education developed to perpetuate and propagate the tenets of a designated religious system. Hayes EDWARD L. Christian education has been diversely defined over the past half century. The Bible's opening statement leaves no room for flexibility regarding its main topic (Gen. Here the author scolds his readers, observing that they should have been teachers, but instead they need to be taught again—and not only taught, but taught the most elementary things of God's truth. A nation that had been taught by God and given His truth for its individual and corporate life now faced national judgment and temporary oblivion because it had rejected God's teaching. 19-20a) contains three participles (going, baptizing, teaching) but only one command: make disciples. Jesus emphasizes here His complete lordship and authority over the church. William Barclay, Educational Ideals in the Ancient World (reprint; Grand Rapids: Baker, 1974), pp. Modeling methodology immediately follows in verse 9: Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. The example and teachings of Jesus, the apostolic preaching and writings, and the embryonic style revealed in the biblical record of early Christian worship and fellowship primarily form the base of New Testament education. Old Testament patterns begun in the Pentateuch and carried into the historica style revealed in the biblical record of early Christian worship and fellowship primarily form the base of New Testament education. books are summarized nicely in The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology: How then does the education. He was often a healer, sometimes a worker of miracles, frequently a preacher, but always a teacher.¹² Chapter 6, Christ the Master Teacher, deals with this subject in more detail, but let it be said that the educational dimension of the gospel record has provoked considerable writing. Here we find Timothy and Titus being instructed by the tongue. Here we learn that the spiritual quality of their lives and the extent of their educational ministries in Ephesus and Crete. When God speaks, His people respond. As Christians we can rest in the assurance that the Bible is our only infallible guide in judging ultimate truth. The New Testament makes a clear distinction between discipline and punishment (Heb. WISDOM Educational ideals have now been developed in Israel, but the point of reference continues to be God and His revelation. EDUCATION IN THE GENERAL EPISTLES AND REVELATION The general epistles, and especially in the pastorals. Cincinnati: Standard, 1987. As Gaebelein puts it, Is there, then, a watershed, a continental divide, as it were, that separates a consistent Christian philosophy of educational forms of eclecticism? Much of the research and writing represents an attempt to view Jesus' teaching through the eyes of twentieth-century educational psychology. Welcoming curious inquirers to the gate
of the Temple at Jerusalem may have been the Old Covenant way of putting them in touch with God. The teaching function to Christian Education (Cincinnati: Standard, 1980) p. Plueddemann. To lose the Bible, writes Carl Henry, is to lose everything.⁶ JEWISH EDUCATIONAL ROOTS The roots of Christian education run deep into the soil of Judaism. To be sure, Christian education owes a great debt to the swinging pendulums of time, noting their correctives to imbalanced practice. What we think about God indicates what we do about education. Indeed, discipling becomes the centerpiece of teaching in the gospels, providing the link between teaching and learning. F. MINISTRY MODELING: 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS Just a quick glance at the Thessalonian epistles shows us that the church at Thessalonica profited and prospered most from the example of its educators. This drifting is unfortunate, for Christian education is lost unless grounded in biblically based teaching. 2:12). The object of the Synagogue Sabbath services was not public worship in the narrower sense of the term; it was not devotion; it was religious instruction.¹¹ It was the center where the law was explained, expounded, and applied. It properly means to rub the palate or gums. God selected earth to be the visited planet, and genuinely Christian education, as we attempt to understand and practice it today, was initiated at the coming of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son. 11:14; Eph. 4:3-4, 10, 20-4, 22). Christian education does not deny the roots of its Hebrew heritage. To love Him, to be like Him, to serve Him, is the fulfillment of Christian education.¹⁵ FOR FURTHER READING Byrne, H. 10. A. Spiritual growth through the study of God's truth appears early (2:1-3). The book review analyses these basics from a critical perspective in order to understand the logic behind their identification. Matthew alone records this mountain meeting and notes two references to it by the Lord (26:32; 28:10) and one by the resurrection angel (28:7). In chapter 2 we examine the biblical basis for Christian education ministry as we build our lives, our message, our service on the teachings of the Word of God. GLOBAL TEACHING: ACTS 13 Trekking through Asia Minor for a few months was hardly global in terms of today's understanding, but Barnabas, Paul, and their companions set world missions in motion as they started out for Seleucia, Cyprus, and points west (Acts 13:1-5). Thomas Talbott, What Teaching Can Teach Us About Scripture, Reformed Journal 36:9 (September 1986): 11. When Barnabas arrived at Antioch, he exercised his own spiritual gift of exhortation (encouragement), stabilizing the new believers and leading even more people to the Lord (Acts 11:19-24). At the peak of early twentieth-century religious education fervor he wrote, A study of Jesus Christ's mastery, as a teacher, may be made by noting the chief characteristics of competency in teaching, as defined by the science of education.¹⁴ Such a science of education has, or course, been defined and redefined many times over during the past six decades since Richardson wrote those words. There was no text-book except the Scriptures; all primary education was preparation for reading the Law; and all higher education was the reading and the study of it.... Pentecost turned timid followers into bold preacher-teachers. ROLE OF TEACHING ELDERS: ACTS 20 Of enormous importance in understanding what church leaders do is the brief discussion with the Ephesian elders recorded in Acts 20. The other passage of great educational consequence in Hebrews emphasizes maturity, another strategic concept in Christian education. To say that the bitter years of Exile, Judaism survived because of an ingrained respect for education. To say that the bitter years of Exile, Judaism survived because of an ingrained respect for education. Bible contains truth on a par with scientific truth, for instance, is not quite accurate. God is the author of all truth. 59-60. CENTRICITY OF JEHOVAH Education for the early Hebrews focused on learning about God. The word didaskalia, used only six times in the New Testament up to this point (Matt. The biblical revelation of God's dealing with His covenant people Israel and the examples of Jesus and His apostles form the seedbed for what we know today as Christian education. But also by means of impressive signs in the form of monumental stones (Josh. Evangelicals speak much more plainly about the role of Scripture in Christian education. But genuine biblical disciples hear, understand, and obey Jesus' teaching—and that does not happen by raising a hand or coming forward in a meeting. 53-54. 3:16) and the brilliant eighth verse of the fourth chapter—Finally, brothers, whatever is rough a hand or coming forward in a meeting. anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things—show us how crucial it is to develop a maturing ministry for the preparation of disciples. But the missionary business soon expanded, and on the second and third trips he began to visualize much wider boundaries for his ministry. EARLY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND TEACHING Little is known of the primitive church style of meeting together. Although its exact rise is obscure, the synagogue probably emerged in Babylon. Edward L. 25. 1:28-29). Finally, God sent him to Rome, and there his teaching continued as from morning till evening he explained and declared to them the kingdom of God and tried to convince them about Jesus from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets (Acts 28:23). EDUCATION FOR MATURITY: EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS These epistles were written to build up healthy, properly-functioning churches. In its simplest and purest form, Christian education is communicating God's truth in order to make disciples; and that process goes on in dozens of ways, structured and unstructured, throughout the life of any church that seriously heeds the commands of the New Testament. The religious rites of the Hebrew people were occasions for pedagogy. Edited by James E. Even the classic work of Herman Harrell Horne,¹³ first published in 1922, revealed the tone and tinting of an emerging school of religious educational thought. Furthermore, we see that elders/overseers must function as shepherds (vv. Christian Education and the Search for Meaning. 4:21; Col. INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP: 1 AND 2 TIMOTHY, TITUS Finally we come to the pastoral epistles. Eight times some form of the word teach appears, and we can add to those Paul's use of train, encourage, and rebuke. What Isaiah prophesied concerning Zebulun and Naphtali can be said of all those who saw His arrival: The people living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned (Matt. 1:1). It is He who wills that men shall know the truth; He gives us curious and reflective minds to seek the truth and grasp it and use it; He even gives us the supreme privilege of helping Him in partnership both to teach and to learn.² What we think about God, however, depends on what we think about the Scriptures. This in no way limits the church, dictating an exact reproduction of primitive style. Talbott suggests that the way teachers struggle and study to communicate truth to their classes offers a microscopic metaphor of how God revealed His truth throughout the centuries. Multiple quotations could be cited from which the church interprets its doctrine. Another form of the same word is used to describe an ox goad. In chapter 14, the key idea of the entire section deals with the edification of God's people in the church (cf., 1 Cor. The distinction falls not between New Covenant truth, for evangelicals affirm the Old Testament base for Christian education. K. Its purposes, methods, and institutional expressions are rooted in the Scriptures. Jesus called His followers to a higher righteousness and to carry through His calling as a teacher. Part 1 The Definitive Character of Christian Education Christian Education is not an option, it is an order; it is not a luxury, it is a life. Doctrine, fellowship communion, and prayer occupied their days and their devotion. I. Students who wish to grasp firmly the theological and philosophical foundations of Christian education must master various passages in the New Testament that develop those concepts. This is not
to ignore the past, but Jesus brought unique freshness to the teaching task. Deuteronomy 6:1-9 introduces a portion of Scripture dear to the hearts of many Christian educators. Jude's emphasis suggests that only thsose who have been built up in the spiritual instruction that we have seen described in the New Testament can stand against the severe test of temptation and false teaching all around them (vv. THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS The presence and power of the Son of God dominate the first four books of the New Testament. False doctrine can be avoided because Christians have spiritual knowledge Book Description : A more concise textbook and a complete online program offer you a more environmentally friendly way to teach biology. The Core Edition, which covers the general high school biology curriculum, is supported by premium digital content on Biology. to create their own ... 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