

Solving the Crisis in Homeschooling

I. THE PROBLEM

⇒ Many conscientious homeschool parents are watching their children grow up and

II. BASIC CAUSES OF THE PROBLEM

A. We become oriented

⇒ Our dreams for our kids are really and as parents

B. Preoccupation with results can turn the into a of success

1. The family can become a

2. The children become for parents a of feeling

3. Our is not measured by the effect we have upon others, but by our to God. We obey – *God* bears the fruit (1 Cor 3:6).

C. Preoccupation with leads to emphasis on

1. We emulate the of those who appear in their training

2. We mold our kids', but miss their

3. Preoccupation with outward brings with it a tendency to by our

⇒ We end up on the

⇒ With judgment comes and

4. It was the not Jesus who were preoccupied with
Mat 6:1-2, 5, 16; 23:5-6, 23-28; John 7:24

Mat 23:5 "Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long;

Mat 6:1 "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full ... 5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have

received their reward in full ... 16 "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces **to show men** they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

Mat 23:23 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices--mint, dill and cummin. But **you have neglected the more important matters** of the law--justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former ... 25 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You **clean the outside** of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee! **First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.** 27 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which **look beautiful on the outside** but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. 28 In the same way, **on the outside you appear** to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

John 7:24 Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.

5. Jesus' approach: Invest in the _____ and watch it

Mat 23:26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

⇒ The Pharisees were preoccupied with what _____ Jesus emphasized what _____

D. Preoccupation with outward _____ develops a _____ view of the _____

1. We develop a false confidence in _____

⇒ For our kids, Christianity becomes mostly about _____ influences _____

2. We develop a false security in our _____ to _____

⇒ Relying on your authority to intimidate teens will gain only _____

⇒ We _____ Proverbs 22:6

Prov 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

The book of Proverbs: Promises or Probabilities? Prov 22:4, 11, 14, 16, & 26

E. Over reliance on _____ easily leads to a _____ approach to parenting _____

1. We look for and rely upon _____ and self-working _____

2. We forget that they are _____

F. Emphasis on _____ breaks down

1. Without _____ we do not have their hearts

2. Without their hearts we cannot _____ their

3. Without the ability to influence their values, the best we can do is _____ their

4. We may _____ them into _____ but fail to _____ their _____ into submission.

⇒ Intimidation may merely foster

III. BASIC SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM

A. Relate with your children as _____ not

B. Cease making your family into a

1 John 5:21 Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

⇒ Choose your _____ over other people's

C. _____ a relationship of _____ with them

Proverbs 23:26 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways

⇒ Drink continually from God's _____ of _____ so that you have plenty to _____ onto your children

1 John 4:16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

D. Make it your top goal to understand and live out the _____ in your home

Mal 4:6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

E. Invest more into their _____ than into changing the _____ of their

Matt 23:26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

F. Listen to the _____ of the