

## Why is Most Important

Recently a local family considering homeschooling sent me an email over my website asking me "Why should a Christian family consider homeschooling their children? I thought to myself what a simple but powerful question! I receive lots of emails asking me "how" to home school but "why" really is the most important question. Each family should answer this question for themselves before beginning their homeschooling journey. Knowing your reasons for choosing this route will make the difficult days less challenging.

### **QUESTION: Why should a Christian family consider homeschooling their children?**

- 1) The parents are in charge of their children's education so they get to place importance on the things that are important to their family.
- 2) The parents are the main influence on the children not a bunch of immature youth or a teacher who may hold a different belief system.
- 3) Parents can provide a better education than traditional schools because it can be tailored to each child's needs and gift areas. If a certain subject is a challenge, there is always a co-op or tutor that can cover that subject area.
- 4) A homeschool family lives a life with lower stress and less rushing around than traditional school families (except on co-op days of course).
- 5) Parents get to select who their children socialize with. Most Christian homeschoolers have church friends, co-op friends, neighborhood friends and sports group friends. We are by no means living in a Christian bubble! Homeschooled kids are actually better socialized than traditional schooled kids because they interact with all different groups and ages of people.
- 6) **MOST IMPORTANT REASON:** Christian parents truly get to raise their children (day in day out) and influence them in the ways of the Lord. It isn't the churches' responsibility or the local Christian school's but ours as their parents. We should make the most of what little time we have with them.

Homeschooling is truly a calling from God that not all Christians may be called too. However if you feel God is truly calling your family to homeschool you shouldn't question it any longer, just trust and obey. The TLC Homeschoolers is just one of many Christian groups in the Frederick area that can provide you support and guidance while beginning your homeschooling journey. Please pray and seek God's guidance on this very important decision and then simply trust and obey. Nothing is better than walking in God's will for your life.

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