

# The Most Valuable Education a Child Can Receive

- A. "A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education." (Theodore Roosevelt)
- B. Is that still true? If so, why? And how does one acquire such a "thorough knowledge" of the Bible?

## I. Weighty Influences in the Life of a Child

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ (*1 Cor 15:33; Prov 18:24; Eccl 4:9-12; Prov 27:17*).
- B. \_\_\_\_\_: the average American child will spend 1,200 hours per year in public school.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_: average "screen" time (2-5 years old = 2.2 hours per day; 6-7 years old = 4.5 hours per day; 8-18 years old = 7.5 hours per day or more than 2,700 hours per year).
- D. \_\_\_\_\_: a child who attends every Sunday and Wednesday = 70 hours per year.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Titus 2:1-8*).
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Eph 6:1-4; 2 Tim 1:5; 3:15; Deut 31:9-13; 6:4-9; 4:9; 29:29*).

## II. Why Then Do We Have Bible Classes?

- A. The Jews called the first 5 books of the Old Testament the \_\_\_\_\_, a word associated with the idea of "shooting an arrow, putting forth, instructing, teaching."
- B. In one sense, teaching has many goals:
  - 1. To help the lost come to a knowledge of the truth and be \_\_\_\_\_ (*1 Tim 2:3-4*).
  - 2. To instruct new Christians in the basics that they might \_\_\_\_\_ (*Matt 28:19-20*).
  - 3. To lay a \_\_\_\_\_ for faith and a knowledge of Bible facts in the hearts of children.
- C. But the ultimate goal of teaching?  
To \_\_\_\_\_ each person with such a grasp of God's word that they are able to effectively \_\_\_\_\_ for themselves, \_\_\_\_\_ themselves, and \_\_\_\_\_ reasons for their hope with others (*2 Tim 2:15; Matt 4:4; Heb 5:11-14; 1 Pet 3:13-17; 2 Tim 2:1-2*).
- D. Walking with God is a way of life that can bear spectacular fruit of faith, hope, joy, and love. The key that unlocks those doors of blessing? \_\_\_\_\_ (*Rom 10:14-17; John 8:31-32; 2 Cor 4:6; 2 Pet 1:3-5; Mark 8:36*).
- E. While they may not realize it, our children are faced with the very same hurdle put into words by the Ethiopian eunuch in *Acts 8:30-31* - "How can I, unless someone \_\_\_\_\_ me?"
- F. God's will can still have the effect on hearts that was described in *Jeremiah 31:31-34*.