

A Biblical Philosophy of Education/Discipleship (Outline)

I. A Philosophy of Biblical Discipleship

1. Definition: *The employment of biblical instruction and correction through various means in order to supply knowledge for the influence of future behavior that pleases the Lord and profits the learner.*
 - a) *The Two Primary Aspects of Biblical Discipleship (Train, Nurture, Instruct, Discipline, Educate)*
 1. Instruction (Prov. 1:2, 3, 7, 8; Acts 7:22, 22:3; Eph. 6:4; 2 Tim 3:16)
 2. Correction (Deut. 8:5; Prov. 3:11-12; Heb. 12:4-12; Rev. 3:19)
 - b) *The Various Means of Discipleship*
 1. Verbal (auditory) (Deut. 4:35-36; Prov. 1:1-8; 2 Tim. 2:25; 1 John 2:1)
 2. Observational (visual) (Prov. 24:32; 6:6; 7:6-23)
 3. Experiential (kinesthetic) (Prov. 23:13-14; Jer. 2:19; 1 Cor. 11:32; 1 Tim. 1:20)
 4. Contemplative (internal/personal) (Ps. 16:7; Luke 2:17-19)
2. Perspective: Discipleship is...
 - a) *God's Plan in the long run* (Gen 2:17, 3:15; Heb. 12:7; Rev. 3:19)
 - b) *God's Priority in the moments* (Prov. 3:11-12; Heb. 12:4-12)
 - c) *God's Preordained Taxonomy of authority* (Gen. 1:1; Eph. 6:4; Heb. 13:17; Rom. 13:1-7)
 - d) *God's Place of employment* (the heart – Hebrews 4:12; Romans 10:14; Mt. 18:33-35)
3. Purpose
 - a) *God Reveals His Glory in Discipleship* (Righteousness – Justice – Love)
 - b) *God has the Greatest Good for His People through Discipleship* (1 Tim. 1:20; 2 Tim. 2:25)

II. Principles of Biblical Discipleship

1. Exalting: Glorifying God as the Goal (Romans 11:36; 1 Cor. 10:31)
2. Exemplifying: Reflecting God's Character (Luke 6:40; Col. 3:12-17; 1 Cor. 11:1)
3. Engaging: Establishing Relational Intimacy (Gen. 2 & 3; Matthew 28:18-20)
4. Exposing: Revealing Truth Through the Standards (Psalm 19; Acts 17:22-31)
5. Equipping: Providing the Necessary Resources for Success (Col. 1:9-12)
6. Exercising: Ensuring the Ability to Perform (Matthew 28:20)
7. Evaluating: Examining the Performance and the Product (Mt. 7:1-5; Luke 10:17-20)
8. Encouraging: Providing Formative Feedback for Future Behavior (1 Thess. 5:14)
9. Enjoying: Embracing the Privileged Role (John 15:11; Heb. 12:11)
10. Exiting: When to Conclude and Finishing Well (Eph. 4:26-27; Rom. 12:18, 14:19)

III. Practicing Biblical Discipline

1. Pitfalls: Excusing, Ignoring, Bribing, Threatening, Inconsistency, Lack of Clarity.
2. Provisions for Faithfulness and Success
 - a) Spirit of God (John 15:5)
 - b) Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
 - c) People of God (Gal. 6:1-10)
3. The Product of Discipleship/Discipline
 1. The Simple (Prov. 1:22; 14:15, 22:3)
 2. The Fool (Ps. 14:1; Prov. 1:7, 10:23, 12:15, 15:5; Mt. 7:26)
 3. The Scoffer (Psalm 1:1-6; Prov. 9:7-8, 13:1, 15:12, 22:10)
 4. The Wise (Prov. 1:5, 2:2, 9:8-9, 10:23, 12:18, 14:1, 29:8-11)
4. Promises/Potential for the Wise Disciple
 - a) *Expression of Affection* (Pr. 3:12; Rev. 3:19)
 - b) *Affirmation of Adoption* (Heb. 12:7-8)
 - c) *Path to Christlikeness* (Heb. 12:9-11; Rm. 8:28-30)

Discipleship/Discipline is necessary, unavoidable, good, and clear evidence of God's love for His child.