

The State Church, “*Public Education*”

Chapter Ten – *Not Buying, What Your Selling!*

It has taken decades for many parents and taxpayers to realize and understand the government run public education system in this country has major problems. Parents are taking steps to remove their children from the public education system to protect them from the harmful indoctrination of the cultural changes and radical social agendas that have infiltrated the government run education system. Parents and taxpayers are beginning to investigate the many options that are available to them to provide a solid education that delivers a higher level of academic achievement at a much lower cost. The cost of education has far outpaced the benefits from the current system and method of delivery used across the state of Texas and the nation as a whole.

Over the past several years an incredible amount of time and energy has been spent to educate both taxpayers and parents about the fraud and corruption associated with the current government run education system. The misuse and disregard for the value of the taxpayer’s money has been the key focus and topic on the minds for a lot of people. The work being done is to educate parents and taxpayers about the much-needed change to the current delivery method and approach of education used today. The changes that must take place to prevent a total financial collapse not only of the education system but the economic collapse of towns and cities that are bankrupt across this state and nation.

A Road Map of the Changes Needed

The first thing that must change and the most difficult is to convince the current political leaders in office, the education establishment, and the parents of school age children the current system is broken and beyond repair. You cannot put the Genie back in the bottle when it comes to all the problems and issues with the current public education system. It must be rebuilt from the ground up in order to establish a firm foundation that will not waiver or be abused from social and cultural changes that will occur in every generation. The system that is so desperately needed is based on nothing more than common sense, basic life principals and a practical approach that one may ask how did we ever get to where we are today?

Who is Responsible?

As simple as this may sound to many it is one of those topics that will cause even the most tempered person to lose it when discussing the responsibilities of the parents. Who is responsible for the education of their children?

- It is the responsibility of the parent(s) to educate their children, period nothing more to add or subtract to this basic life principal.

- It is the responsibility of the parents to meet the physical needs of their children including but not limited to food, clothing, and shelter.
- It is the responsibility of the parents to protect their children from harm and danger no matter where their children are at any given time.
- It is the responsibility of the parents to be the safe source of comfort and provide for the mental well-being of their children.

The state and federal levels of government and education establishment in the state of Texas and across the nation have been the single two largest public sector entities that have led to the demise of what were once core beliefs and considered the norm in American society. The government at all levels and the public education system have done an incredible job at dumbing down the general public for decades. The toughness, resilience, and desire to be an individual in control of their own destiny has been lost across all ethnic groups and multiple generations. People have been hoodwinked into believing that the government way of doing things is the only way. What a travesty this is and a huge disservice and injustice to those young people that are following behind the ones that have gone before them. Many parents today have simply laid down and passed their responsibilities as parents over to government. They have put the lives of their children in the hands of the government and public education system in many cases with deadly results. Children today are exposed to more violence, perversion, and social exploitation than any generation before them. So many children's lives are impacted in negative ways that are life altering and have long lasting scars that many children are not able to overcome.

The Excess Baggage and Burdens of the Current System

Let's discuss some things that are ***not*** needed today in relation to education and academic achievement. These will fly directly in the face of public educators and many parents as well.

- The need to be around other adolescents or juveniles for social development. For many young people, my self-included the high school years brought with them many negative influences that have been difficult to overcome. Young people need to be challenged and look to adults for guidance and wisdom before they make bad decisions that have long lasting negative impacts on their lives.
- Non-academic activities such as sports, band, vocational classes and etc. These areas do offer a good reward for some there is no question about this. These should be considered non-essential and elected courses and programs funded totally by the parents of those students who choose to participate in them.
- \$100 million dollar football stadiums, special event centers and recreational sport facilities. These should be funded entirely by the parents of those students who benefit from them. The financial burden taken on by taxpayers that do not have

children that participate in these areas is unfair and takes away from the focus of core academic classes that are in much need of improvement.

- Social and Welfare Programs administered through the government run public education system. The classroom space and time must be filled with teaching and academic learning and nothing else. The tax on teacher's time to teach has been a major reason for the decline in academic achievement and test scores across the state of Texas and the nation as a whole.
- The classroom setting and time is not the place for disciplinary actions or measures to correct the problems with troubled students. The benefit and value of achieving an education by those students who desire to learn and improve their lives should not be hindered and impacted by the actions of unruly children and teenagers. What takes place in schools and in classrooms today would have never been allowed fifty to sixty years ago. School administrators are so focused on the matching funds from state governments they will not expel or tell the parents of troubled kids to keep them home and away from the public school system.

The issues and problems with the public school system today has caused many good and qualified teachers to leave the teaching profession. This is easily understood, and no one can blame them for moving on to something more rewarding. It is incredibly sad to see good teachers leave the profession they have chosen and enjoy. Many others and like me have encouraged many teachers to stay engaged in teaching but in a different environment and setting. Many teachers have chosen private or parochial schools that allow them to be teachers without all the red tape and bureaucracy that is part of the public school system. Many have joined up with the growing number of parents to become part of education cooperatives for those parents who have chosen to homeschool their children. This was the choice that my wife and I made for our four children over thirty years ago. They are all grown now and have children of their own and have discussed home-schooling for them as well.

What Does the Future of Education Look Like?

For a growing number of parents in Texas and across the nation the method and choice of education does not resemble or include anything from the current government run public education system. Parents are no longer drinking the "*Kool-Aide*" of government leaders and public educators. Many are finding out the options and methods of learning today offer a much broader field to choose from while allowing curriculum to be customized tailored to fit the interests and skill levels of children. Children that have been homeschooled are in general much more prepared to enter into the social and economic community and with great confidence. Many employers seek out children that have been homeschooled because of their ability to interact with adults and the respect they have for their elders. This

is something that has been a huge problem for society with a large proportion of students graduating from public school. The problems facing the current public school system have been focused on the method and system of delivery for education as well as the skyrocketing cost with declining academic results. There is another aspect and issue that has not been addressed to any great length and must be acknowledged and that is, problems at home being a negative influence in the classroom.

The classrooms in schools all across the state of Texas and the nation have significant numbers of children and teenagers that only have one agenda in mind and that is to cause as much trouble as possible. The number of children attending the public school system today that have major problems at home have created a nightmare for many teachers. The pressures of trying to actually teach children in such short periods of time are compounded by the problems that come into the classroom with troubled students. Those students in the classroom who want to learn are penalized by the system by being forced to be in an environment that is not conducive to learning. This is one of the main reasons many parents are pulling their children out of the public education system and classrooms across the country.

The future of America lies within the children of today. Children are a gift from God Almighty and the way and means for mankind to continue. These children should be exposed to every means possible to learn how to be responsible citizens with good morals, ethics and character values that will benefit them and the community they live in all the years of their lives. They should be exposed to the core subject areas of reading, writing and arithmetic. These should be taught and mastered by every child by the time they are twelve to thirteen years of age. Once a young child reaches the age of twelve to thirteen years of age they should be exposed to the realities of life, hard work, and responsibilities and not treating them as young children any longer. To many parents today want to protect their children from everything. Many parents believe their children are fragile or they might “break” or something if they are exposed to the realities of life.

The modern thinking of the western world to let children have eight to ten years of life from the time they are thirteen to twenty-one years of age to just have fun has resulted in tragedies that can never be justified by such recklessness attitudes of parents today. The teenage years of a young person should not be a time of partying and being full of foolish activities but instead should be the time when young people are learning how to be adults. This does not mean that a young person can never have some fun times but to many young people make poor decisions with bad results that are with them for the rest of their lives. I witnessed first-hand the outcome of several bad decisions made by people I knew while in school and some of these individuals died at an incredibly early age.

What ever means, methods or ways parents choose to educate their children going forward in this nation must have a balanced approach and focus on character traits and academic achievement. The problems facing this nation today are a direct result of the attitude and position of millions of parents who let the government run education system

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take the place of mom and pop. The results have been devastating to this nation. Parents must step up and take responsibility and at the same time make sure their children are being exposed to and learning all the important things that matter and that will make them good citizens and become successful.

In order for this nation to succeed citizens must get the government out of the way. Citizens must fight to gain their rights back as parents. Parents must be able to choose how their children will receive an education and how it will be paid for without government interference and illegal taxation that violates the rights of citizens granted in the US Constitution. The parents that have chosen to homeschool their children have done so for many reasons. For most parents that have chosen to homeschool have do so based on the religious convictions and beliefs as found in scripture. God commanded parents to teach their children about God and his laws and commandments. Many parents have done so to keep their children away from the cultural and social perversion that is prevalent on school campuses all across this nation. Many parents have faced criticism from public educators, friends and even family members. They have been told they are not capable of teaching their children everything they need to know. This is true, but it is also true of the government run public education system! The motto in our home during the years our children were in school was simply this, *“teach our children, how to teach themselves!”* When you focus on the most important areas of education and academic achievement in the early years of a child’s life it opens the floodgates of learning for a lifetime!