

sibility to challenge each child according to his ability and to seek to teach him at his academic level.

9. The Christian is not to be conformed to the world, but must accept his responsibility and his role in our democratic society.

10. The student's home, church, and school experience should be a preparation for a life of fellowship with God and of service to man.

11. The prayer of a righteous man has a powerful effect in the education of a child.

The purpose of Christian schools is to provide a sound academic education integrated with an evangelical Christian view of God and the world. The Bible is specific in stating the principles which underlie Christian education. Paul presented a comprehensive principle when he wrote of Christ, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth. . . . And he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Col. 1:16-17). And the writer of the fourth gospel said, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3).

There is an important difference between the Christian and the non-Christian viewpoints on a given subject. Even though knowledge is factually the same for both, no subject can be taught in the totality of its truth if the Creator is ignored or denied. Knowledge is purified by the recognition of God's place in it. No other approach to education can be entirely God-honoring, for parents and children.

Christian parents are responsible for the education of their children; and that education includes the counsels of God revealed in His world as well as those revealed in His Word. These parents want their children to be educated at home *and* at school with the consciousness that all truth is God's truth, including history and geography, science, music, and the arts, and that Jesus Christ is to be central in all learning and living.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The Christian school has numerous objectives in common with public schools and with other independent schools, although the Christian school sees these common objectives from the biblical perspective. It should be noted, however, that the Christian school has distinctive objectives which cannot be reached in the public schools, and which are not accepted by other independent schools. To illustrate, the first ten objectives in the following list are distinctive to the Christian school, while the last ten objectives would also be accepted by public and other independent schools:

1. To teach that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to earth to die for our sins