

building, but on the truth that is taught and preached in the church. Similarly, churches should recognize that a school should be chosen in the same way, and should help support Christian schools exhibiting high standards. Many churches are indifferent and some are even negative toward these schools. But these attitudes appear to be changing as the times become more evil.

The schools must do a better job of interpreting themselves to the churches and not become defensive or uncommunicative. Strong bonds need to be built between the churches and the schools. They are not to be competitors.

AN EVALUATION

The Christian school is a testimony to God's name in elementary and secondary education. Every major court decision in the past decade has gone against allowing Bible reading and prayer as religious exercises in tax-supported schools. Even with electives in philosophy of religion and the Bible as literature, public schools are far from being Christianized. Christian schools are the answer to the dilemma of education.

New schools need time to become established, to purchase property, to develop a strong faculty, to become accredited. This often takes years, during which the school is open to criticism. There is much hope, however, because the schools are based on the true foundation, the Bible, which foundation is lacking in other schools, regardless of their buildings or reputations.

The need for Christian schools will undoubtedly increase noticeably in this decade. It is apparent that the enemy is coming into education like a flood, and it is equally obvious that the Lord will raise up His standard in education too. As older teachers retire from public schools during this decade and are replaced by beginning teachers who do not accept the life values and standards of their predecessors, public schools will change radically and quickly. This trend has already started.

To serve God as a Christian school teacher or principal is a worthy use of one's life. There are many positions open now, and there will be in the future. These schools offer an unusual opportunity to affect children and young people for God.

SUMMARY

The rapid growth in the Christian school movement is among the more significant developments within the body of Christ today. The presupposition on which the Christian school educational philosophy is built is that "if Christ is to be preminent in all things, that must include a child's education." Christian school educators are convinced that the Christian school, the evangelical church and the Christian home should work together. The ultimate goal of all three institutions is to help the student develop a Christ-centered world and life view.