

Considerations
Psalm 78:1-11
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Thesis: I want to show some considerations to take when looking at education.

- Intro: 1. When a person wants to further their education several things should be considered.
2. Today we want to consider some approaches and dangers pertaining to education.

I. Approaches to Education (**Eph 5:6-7**)

A. Common approach

1. **Acceptance of all colleges & schools**
2. **Dismissal of dangers**
 - a. A person must know what to be on guard against dangers.
3. **Assuming a school is sound because it's associated with the church of Christ.**
4. **Little or no research about the instructors and the school itself.**
5. **Assuming a school is sound because it was at one point in time.**

B. Less common approach

1. **Careful considerations of colleges, schools and other options**
2. **Consideration of the effect upon your spiritual faithfulness**
3. **Where to attend services while in school**

II. Types & Dangers

A. Types: Secular & Secular "Christian"

1. Secular – state schools, tech schools, etc
2. Secular Christian – those who claim a religious background of **some** type.

B. Dangers

1. Dangers of secular schools
 - a. A Worldly environment.
 - b. Know what to expect and how to best handle difficult situations.
 - i. Seek advice from faithful brethren who have taken a similar route.
2. There are dangers in "Christian" schools in the form of Bible doctrine (**1 Jn 4:1**)
 - a. Does a good program for a certain department nullify the spiritual dangers of attending "Christian" school.
 - b. Worldliness is present at "Christian" schools as well.
 - c. It is important that those attending ANY school are grounded in the truth so they can know how to defend the truth and be able to recognize error (**Heb 5:14b**).

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Be prepared, dangers are everywhere

1. Regardless if you further your education or go directly into the workforce you must be aware of dangers and temptations.
2. You cannot remove yourself entirely from those in the world (**1 Cor 5:9-10**), you cannot be an influence for Christ while living in a bubble (**Mt 5:13-16**)

B. Know what it means to be faithful & remain faithful

1. What is faithfulness?

- a. A continual obedience to God's commands
 - b. Repentance of sins
 - c. Remember, faithfulness is more than attendance
 - d. Faithfulness, is being straight forward with the gospel. Accepting truth while refusing error (**Gal 2:14a**).
- C. Solid spiritual Education comes from solid sources
1. Faithful Parents (**2 Tim 1:5**)
 2. Faithful Congregations with solid leaders (**2 Tim 2:2**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Where the Christian goes to school or work is important.
2. One must make such decisions carefully
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9