

PREPARING CHRISTIAN CHILDREN

For University



Truth is a worthy pursuit

- Proverbs 3:13-15

- New International Version

- ¹³ Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,
¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare
with her.

- 箴言 3:13-15

- Chinese New Version (Simplified)

- 得智慧远胜得金银

- ¹³ 得着智慧，
获致聪明的人，是有福的。
- ¹⁴ 因为智慧的利润胜过银子的利润，
智慧的收益胜过黄金的收益。
- ¹⁵ 智慧比红宝石更宝贵；
你一切所喜爱的，都不足与智慧比较。

Your hearts and minds are worth defending

- 1 Timothy 6:20-21

- Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge,²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

- *Parents*

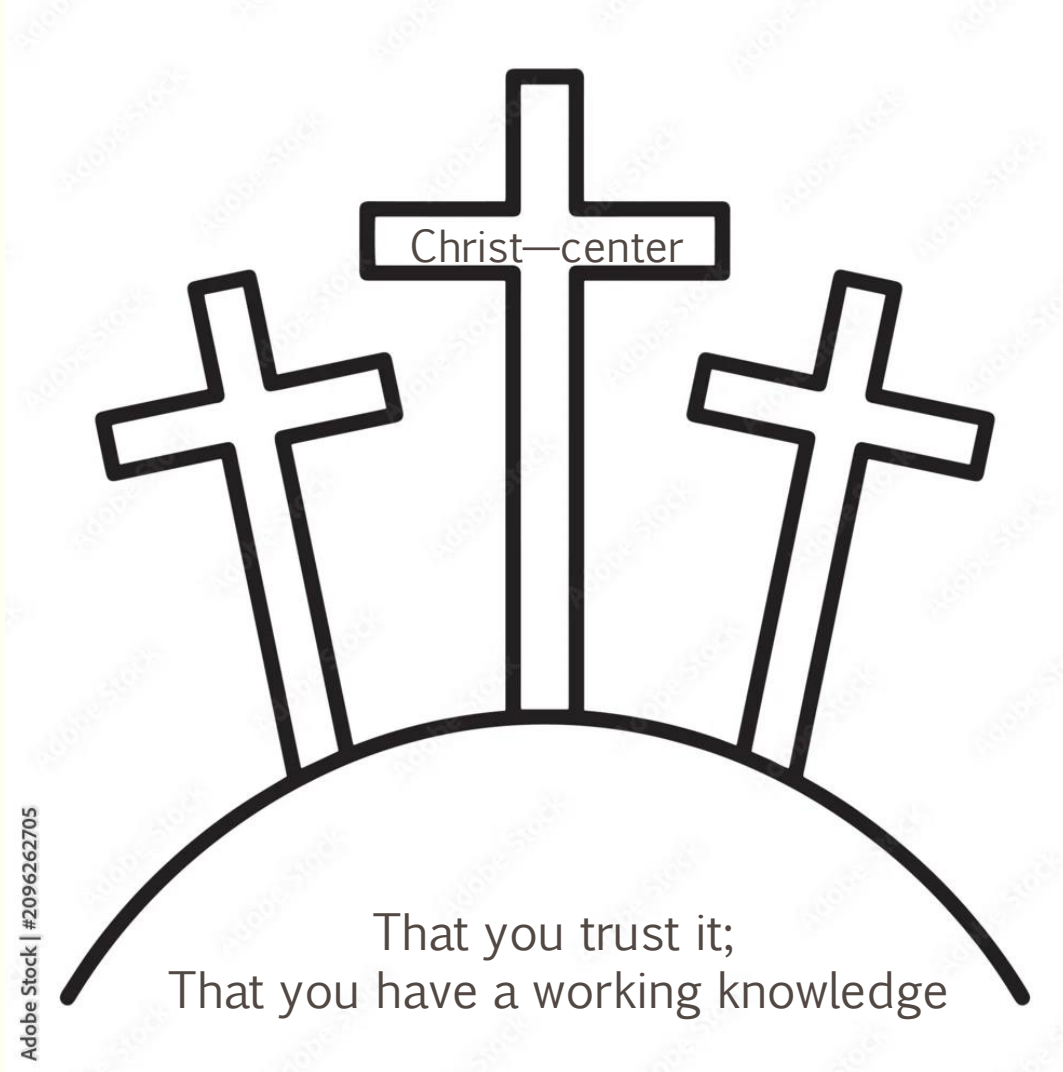
- *Children*

- 提摩太前书 6:20-21

- 提摩太啊，你要保守所交托你的，避免世俗的空谈和冒称是知识的那种反调；²¹ 有些人自称有这知识，就偏离了真道。愿恩惠与你们同在。



Must build a foundation of *confidence* in the Word of God



Building confidence in God's Word

- Taking in the Word *yourself*
 - Not just second hand
- Pray for understanding
 - What it means
 - How to apply it
- Apologetics—defense of the faith
 - This is for the whole church
 - To show us we can trust the Word of God
 - Not just for clearing stumbling blocks
 - The Bible is a reliable witness
- The Word is defensible!





SECULAR IS NOT NEUTRAL

Some of the things you are up against

- “Colleges across the US, including Yale, Duke, and Georgetown, are offering classes on witchcraft and the occult.”
- “UN-sponsored Human Rights Council proposed that the US Department of Education deny accreditation to colleges that teach creation and similar biblical beliefs.”
- Dr. Richard Dawkins: “Faith is one of the world’s great evils . . . it is capable of driving people to such dangerous folly . . . it seems to me to qualify as a kind of mental illness.”
- Dr. Steven Weinberg: “If scientists can destroy the influence of religion on young people, then I think it may be the most important contribution we can make.”
- Richard Rorty: Secular professors should “arrange things so that students who enter as bigoted, homophobic religious fundamentalists will leave college with views *more like our own*.”
- *Agendas are international*

Be careful not to drift with the world

- **Hebrews 2:1-3** We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ² For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, ³ how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.
- **希伯来书 2:1-3**
- 因此，我们必须更加密切注意所听过的道理，免得我们随流失去。
² 那透过天使所传讲的信息既然是确定的，所有干犯和不听从的，都受了应得的报应。
³ 如果我们忽略了这么大的救恩，怎么能逃罪呢？这救恩起初是由主亲自宣讲的，后来听见的人给我们证实了。

Go with purpose

Don't just hand yourself over to the university.

Plan to take hold of certain useful knowledge.

Have a mission aligned with God.



You don't have to fight academia

- You don't have to surrender, either
- **1 Thessalonians 5:21** but test all things; hold on to what is good
- Students don't have to challenge everything
- Focus on Christ
- Focus on your plan
- Dr. Jason Lisle: careful about letting on you are a creationist, particularly in astronomy, biology and geology (anthropology)
- **帖撒罗尼迦前书 5:21** 凡事都要察验，好的要持守
- *This does not mean you can't ask questions...*



FELLOWSHIP IS VITAL

You are surrounded by enemies of our Savior

Bring & find

- Older, godly mentors
 - Should begin as early as possible
 - Part of church life
 - Not just an older kid, an older generation
 - 40% of young people doubting God's Word by middle school (US, good churches)
- “In high school, you live with your parents and visit your friends. In college, you live with your friends and you visit your parents.” [Peers are major influence]
- “Thinking Christianly is hard work. The easy way out is to let others inform you about how you should think.”
- Solid roommate
- **Biblical** Christian student group

We are not designed to live alone

- **2 Timothy 2:22** Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
- **提摩太后书 2:22** 你应当逃避年轻人的私欲，要和那些以清洁的心求告主的人，一同追求公义、信心、爱心、和平
- Think through living conditions
- What kind of community surrounds the university?

Scripture is our great and final authority

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- **Romans 3:3-4** What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness? ⁴ Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written:
 - “So that you [God] may be proved right when you speak
and prevail when you judge.”
- **提摩太后书 3:16-17** 全部圣经都是 神所默示的，在教训、责备、矫正和公义的训练各方面，都是有益的，¹⁷ 为要使属 神的人装备好，可以完成各样的善工。
- **罗马书 3:3-4** 即使有人不信，又有甚么关系呢？难道他们的不信会使 神的信实无效吗？⁴ 绝不可能！ 神总是诚实的，人却是虚谎的，正如经上所记：
 - “你在话语上，显为公义；
 - 你被论断时，必然得胜。”

Resources

- Are Biblical Truth and Authority Less Important Than "Salvation Issues"?
- BY RANDY J. GULIUZZA, P.E., M.D.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026
- *"Starting with Adam, it has always been sinful to disbelieve God's Word and worse to supersede its authority by subordinating its truth to any other source."*
- <https://www.icr.org/article/are-biblical-truth-authority-less-important>

