

# Philosophy of Christian Education

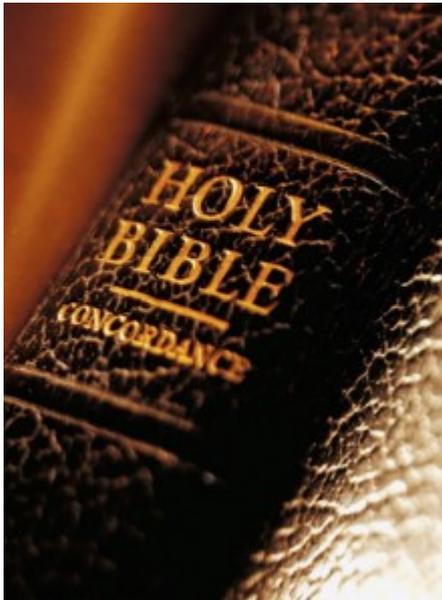
This page of our website provides a detailed description of Dr. Young Shin's Philosophy of Christian Education.



## A Biblical Foundation

I am committed to a philosophy of Christian Education that not patterned after the traditions of men, or the principles of this world, but after Christ. In Him alone are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:8). Christian education means that Christ is central to education. Consequently, my educational theory, methods, and practice must be built upon the life and teachings of Christ as our cornerstone. Because there is only one God and one Christ, there is only one truth. I believe that this truth must be the center and criterion of Christian education.

**Christian Education must be based on Biblical Principles**



In order for education to be consistently Christian I, as a teacher must self-consciously teach all subjects in the framework of biblical authority. To accomplish this I have to have a methodology that guarantees its biblical character. The proper method is to use the Bible in each and every course both directly and indirectly. It is applied directly when I derive our understanding of each topic from the actual statements of the Bible, and use the text of

Scripture appropriately in each subject. It is applied indirectly as I work out the implications of biblical truth as the proper framework for understanding each subject.

One important goal of Christian education is to teach the student to reason biblically. Because of this, the educational process must show how the doctrinal truths of God's Word provide the Christian worldview.

## **Christian Education must also address the Nature of the Learner**

In every area of study, I want to help students to understand God's perspective and think His thoughts after Him. To do this, they must grow in their knowledge of the Word of God and learn the mind of Christ. They must learn to reason in terms of biblical truth, and develop a truly consistent biblical worldview. They must be taught how to rightly discern and judge all things in the light of Scripture. Christian education fails if it does not instill the pattern of thinking after God's words and logic.





## Making the Disciples of Christ

Finally, for a biblical curriculum to be profitable, it is necessary for the teacher to practice a biblical method of teaching. Both the mind and the will of the student need to be trained and brought into subjection to God's authority. I will pray and work to the end that the student's reasoning will submit to God's authority.

Not only should the student be taught to reason in a consistent, biblical, organized manner, but students must exercise proper biblical discipline to reach the goal. By warning against unbelief, rebellion, and the spirit of this age, I am committed to training each student to become a disciple of Christ.

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