### MOM WISDOM

RESOURCE GUIDE #3



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#### Recommended Books:

- What to Do About Your Brain-Injured
   Child, by Glenn Doman
- The Three R's, by Ruth Beechick
- You Can Teach Yourself Successfully, by Ruth Beechick
- · Heart and Mind, by Ruth Beechick
- The Four Foundations of Lifelong Learning, by Anne Elliott
- All Through the Ages, by Christine Miller

#### Angella says:

"I just say read Scripture. I'm a big advocate, especially of the book of Deuteronomy. It steered me in the way to go."

#### Recommended Websites:

- 1000 Good Books
- Biblical Homeschooling

#### Christine says:

"Ruth Beechick's Book, <u>You Can Teach Your Child Successfully</u>, gave me confidence that I could teach my children at home. I have found this book on the Internet Archive. You have to sign in to borrow it, but moms can at least browse through it to see if it's something that will help them."

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Angella is a mother of 5 who has two older children who went through the public school system but has homeschooled her 3 youngest sons for the past 8 years. One of her homeschooled sons was diagnosed as non-verbal autistic in his early years, which has allowed her to learn homeschooling tactics that may seem "out of the norm" to some, but very relevant to other moms with special needs children. She's not a studied teacher with a degree, just a mama who loves Yahweh and lets Him lead!



Christine Miller is a wife and mother of three, with 11 grandchildren. She homeschooled her children back when homeschooling was new and not recognized like it is today. She has been a homeschool blogger for over 20 years and is the author of award-winning homeschooling history books, as well as Bible-study and Torah books. As she says, "I'm a God believer, and a Bible believer, from Genesis to Revelation."

#### Find Christine at:

- A Little Perspective
- Nothing New Press

## Knowledge, Understanding, Wisdom: A Biblical Homeschooling Framework Christine Miller, alittleperspective.com

The fear of YHVH is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Pro 9:10

For YHVH gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Pro 2:6

#### The foundation of YHVH's word

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts. Psa 119:98-100

A true education not only trains the mind to think rightly, but also recognizes the primacy of the heart.

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Pro 4:23

A brilliant man trained to think can still be foolish if led by a corrupt heart, as wisdom and foolishness are not provinces of the mind, but of the heart.

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good. Psa 14:1

For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me [wisdom] will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil. Pro 1:32-33

The first tenant of wisdom is the fear of YHVH.

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A true education trains the mind to think, and the heart to love virtue and wisdom, starting with loving YHVH God. This foundation does not detract from academics, but is foundational to academic success.

The foolish child's attitude toward acquiring knowledge and instruction:

And [those who despised wisdom] say "How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised correction! I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me!" Pro 5:12-13

The wise child's attitude toward acquiring knowledge and instruction:

The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge; the ear of the wise seeks knowledge Pro 18:15

YHVH's Word, diligently taught to children daily, feeds their hearts to love wisdom and virtue, just as food sustains the body (Deu 6:6-7, Mat 4:4, 1 Pet 2:2, Job 23:12, Mar 4:14, 20).

As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby. 1 Pet 2:2

With the heart's love for YHVH and His wisdom as our foundation, we can apply this biblical path to education—knowledge to understanding to wisdom—to the practical academics of homeschooling.

#### To know

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Strong's H3045, ידע yada, "to know, to teach"

yud ' = closed hand (work, throw, worship)

dalet ' = door (enter, move, hang)

ayin y = eye (watch, know, shade)
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The *yud* as the closed hand depicts the hand of activity, the action of working. The *ayin*, besides having the meaning of seeing, looking, or watching, can also mean knowing or understanding. Even in English today we still say "I see!" when we understand something. So it is by **doing** (*yud*) that we **enter into** (*dalet*) **knowing** (*ayin*).

Knowledge, since it comes by doing, is more than just book learning. Book learning is a place to start, but knowledge has only been achieved when we have done what we have learned in the book.

#### **Application to education (elementary)**

Math: manipulatives, real world managing finances English: Reading, copying, dictation, storytelling History: Creating timelines, maps, re-enactments

Science: Nature learning and id, guided experimentation

Music/ Art: Singing, learning an instrument, creative expression in various media

#### To understand

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Strong's H995, \exists biyn, "to discern, to understand"

bet \exists = house (house, household, family, in, within)

yud \lnot = closed hand (work, throw, worship)

nun \lnot = seed (continue, heir, son)
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In the era of the patriarchs, from the *Ancient Hebrew Lexicon*:

The tent was divided into two parts, one for the females and the other for the males. The tent wall made a distinction between the two sides.

The house or **tent** (*bet*) was **closed off** (*yud*) according to the genders determined by the **seed** (*nun*). "To understand" is the ability to discern between two things.

"Discernment" is from the Latin word, *discernere*, to separate, to distinguish between. It means,

to detect with the eyes, to recognize evidence from concrete objects;

to detect with other senses, including intuition, to identify what is separate and distinct.

To discern is to recognize the parts that extrapolate to the whole. Understanding is the next step from knowledge, because while knowledge deals with what is concrete, understanding uses what is concrete to draw conclusions.

#### **Application to education (late elementary and early teens)**

Math: Geometry as a Math subset which teaches how to draw sound conclusions English: Diagramming sentences; Logic as an English subset which teaches how to draw sound conclusions from language

History: Create flow charts to analyze the cause and effect chains of pivotal historical events

Science: Experiment, and write up results in a lab book to science standards Music/ Art: Music harmonics/ Mixing paint colors from true white, blue, red, yellow to match a target shade

#### To be wise, to have wisdom

Strong's H2449, חכם chakam, "to be wise"

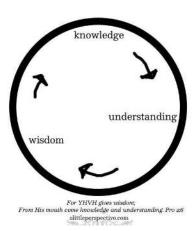
*chet*  $\pi$  = wall (outside, divide, half)

kaph → = open palm (bend, open, allow, tame)

mem ב = water (chaos, mighty, blood)

Rightly **dividing** (*chet*) that which **benefits** (*kaph*) from that which causes **chaos** (*mem*), good from bad, truth from error, friend from foe.

But we cannot know which is which from our own judgment. We are fallen, flawed, and our heart is desperately wicked (Jer 17:9). No one can achieve wisdom without learning it from YHVH's mouth. He reveals the benefit or chaos, the good or bad, the truth or lie, which leads us back to book knowledge again. Think of the three, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom, as a cyclical progression that never stops.



#### **Application to education (teens)**

Math: Applying mathematical principles to solve real world problems: engineering, building furniture, architectural plans, quilting

English: Writing stories and papers using proper grammar and English coherence History: Apply the lessons of history to current events to extrapolate outcomes Science: Applied science: medicine, ecology, agriculture, technology Music/ Art: Music theory, Art theory and their mathematical foundation which informs beauty for both the ear and the eye

From the heart that loves wisdom and virtue, to the practical academics of homeschooling, we see God's plan for education unfold. It's more than academic growth; it's both a heart and mind transformed by YHVH's truth. This path culminates in the 3 As:

Children **acquire** knowledge; they **analyze** that knowledge according to truth which leads to understanding; and they **apply** truth to life in the real world, which is wisdom.

# A Mother's Prayer

#### Father,

As I homeschool this year, I want my child, above all, to know Yehovah, to know that Elohim created him and loves him and has a plan for him. I want him to realize that he is a sinner in need of a savior. I want him to believe on Yeshua, to realize that He died for his sins. I want his life to glorify the Father and further His kingdom.

Elohim, I need you. My children need you. Father, help me to be what they need as a mother. Strengthen me. Fill me with wisdom, self-control, a kind heart, vision, energy, creativity, patience, and hope. Father, bring healing to my physical body. Let that bring You glory and be a testimony of Your faithfulness and mercy. Help me to quickly see what is important and what is not. Allow me, cause me to be a blessing to my family, to focus and meet their needs.



## HUMBLE YOURSELVES therefore UNDER the MIGHTY HAND of GOD,

THAT HE MAY EXALT YOU

# IN DUE IME,

CASTING ALL YOUR CARE upon HIM, FOR HE CARES for YOU.

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