



Calvary Murrieta Christian Academy

Philosophy of Education Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Use this worksheet if your family has not written a Philosophy of Education. If you have, please attach your Philosophy of Education and fill out the goals area for your students.

A "Philosophy of Education" is basically your beliefs about education. In essence we want to know **WHY** you are choosing to home school. The reason we are having you write this is that this will be the motivational force behind your efforts. On days when you are struggling you must be able to go to this statement and remember WHY you are doing this.

Here are some thoughts and challenges:

(Taken from the Elijah catalogue). In the lives of the Davis family, who operate the Elijah ministry, they state: "In our own lives, as we began understanding the different influences on education, God challenged us with a host of questions:

- A. What if we look at education a different way?
- B. What if we start viewing it, not as a commodity; but as an outworking of the convictions and priorities of our family?
- C. What if we see it as part of the "equipping of the saints... for the work of service?"
- D. What if we operate under a different set of assumptions than institutional education?
- E. Assumptions like:
 - 1) God has created our particular family unit and given us our particular children because our family has a unique, God ordained meaning and purpose.
 - 2) God has put in our hearts the convictions and values that make up our family's unique meaning and purpose.
 - 3) These convictions and values make up the core of the kind of people we want our children to become.
 - 4) Our education of our children reflects these convictions and values.
 - 5) God will stay actively involved in the process for our children's sakes."

The definition of education according to Webster's 1828 Dictionary:

"The bringing up, as of a child; instruction; formation of manners. Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations. To give children a good education in manners, arts and science, is important; to give them a religious education is indispensable; and an immense responsibility rests on parents and guardians who neglect these duties."

With all of these items to think on here are several questions that might help you write this:

- 1. What is Education? (You can use the definition above and expound on this. Some verses to help: John 17:17, Isaiah 8:20, Psalm 111:10)

- 2. What is your family's belief about education? What is its purpose? (There are many Bible verses in this area that can be helpful ie. Proverbs 22:6, Titus 1:9, 1 Peter 3:15, 2 Timothy 2:15).

3. What do we believe about parental rights and responsibilities concerning education? (Proverbs 22:6, Psalm 127:3-5, 2 Timothy 3:15)

4. With all this said and done, what is your family's purpose for home schooling?

Educational Goals

Please list at least two to three goals per student that you would like to focus on for the next school year:

Name:	Goals: