In Christion homes the Bible is central, forming the basis of living. It defines the marriage, guides the nurture and growth of the children, and educates every member of the family in the knowledge of God.

In homes that value education, the dictionary has an important role in the intellectual growth of the child. It provides the basic tools of academic and religious knowledge and suggests Bible study for your family, or it introduces a conflicting set of values and worldviews? More than any other book in the home besides the Bible, the dictionary has a profound impact.

**Importance of the Dictionary**

The dictionary is of great value to the Christian mother through definitions establishing the system of values by which the family will live. Consider the contrast of the definitions of the word marriage taken from a modern dictionary and from the 1828 Noah Webster Dictionary:

**Marriage**

Dicitonary (2005) — a union of a man and a woman as husband and wife. The state of being married, wedlock. A common-law marriage.

Noah Webster Dictionary (1828) — The act of uniting a man and a woman for life; wedlock. The knowledge and character suitable to marriage, with a spiritual and religious belief by which the parties engage to live together in mutual affection and fidelity, all death and separation. The institution established by God for the purpose of preventing the promiscuous intercourse of sexes, for promoting domestic felicity; and for securing the maintenance and education of children. *Marriage is honorable in all and the Lord commandeth* (1 Corinthians 7:1).

The dictionary imports either a secular or a Christian foundation through definitions which will form the attitudes and values concerning education. Consider the definitions of the word education.

**Education**

Dicitonary (2005) — The practice or process of educating or of being educated; a stage of such a process the knowledge and development resulting from an educational process, the field of study that deals mainly with methods of teaching and learning in schools.

Noah Webster Dictionary (1828) — In the act of breaking a religious or moral law. An offense, error, or fault.

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The definitions of important words in the dictionary show the associative relationship between secular or Christian that will form the basis for how individuals in the family will govern themselves and expect to be governed. Consider the definitions of the word sin.

**Sin**

Dicitonary (2005) — The act of breaking a religious or moral law. An offense, error, or fault.

Noah Webster Dictionary (1828) — The voluntary departure of a moral agent from a known rule or path of righteousness, prescribed by God or by the commands of the individual communities, or by the dictates of conscience, and which is culpable in the eyes of God, in the eyes of society, or in the eyes of the individual who has willfully and ignorantly transgressed.

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The dictionary defines the words that expound a theology and the vocabulary with which to describe the knowledge of God. Consider the definitions of the word the.

**The**

Dicitonary (2005) — The definite article or possess of or of being educated; a stage of such a process the knowledge and development resulting from an educational process, the field of study that deals mainly with methods of teaching and learning in schools.

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The definitions of important words in the dictionary show the associative relationship between secular or Christian that will form the basis for how individuals in the family will govern themselves and expect to be governed. Consider the definitions of the word law.

**Law**

Dicitonary (2005) — A binding custom or practice of a community: a rule of conduct or action prescribed or formally recognized as binding or enforced by a governing authority. (This definition continues for two inches of one column.)

Noah Webster Dictionary (1828) — A rule, particularly an established and permanent rule, prescribed by the laws of a state to its inhabitants, for the government of their persons and particularly their social actions. Laws are imperative or mandatory, commanding what shall be done; prohibitory, or restraining what is to be forbidden; or permissive, or allowing what may be done. It is a comprehensive term that comprehends all three, but is used for the last of these.

This dictionary defines that the dictionary has a profound impact.

The dictionary is the key to unlocking the hearts of our children and I see that the educational process is extremely important. Wikipedia defines the word education as “the process of acquiring knowledge or skills.” I believe education is more than just the acquisition of knowledge or skills. I believe education is the process of forming a character that is equipped to carry out the work of the kingdom of God. A child who is trained in the way he should go will not depart from it when he is old.

This is a principle that has been written throughout the Bible. Isaiah 54:13-17 speaks of the young woman who will be trained in the way she should go. The Bible teaches that children are an inheritance from the Lord and that parents are responsible for training them in the way they should go. This includes teaching them the principles of the Bible and equipping them to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord.

The dictionary is not just a tool for acquiring knowledge, but it is a tool for equipping children to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord. It is a tool for teaching them the importance of obedience, respect, and responsibility. It is a tool for helping them understand the consequences of their actions and the importance of making wise decisions. It is a tool for building their character and helping them develop the virtues that will enable them to be successful in life.

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