

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH LORTON

Training Children

Various Scriptures

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The Elder Team of GBC has unanimously decided to make Logos Classical Academy a full-fledged ministry of Grace Bible Church, beginning this fall. This morning, we'll consider biblical principles behind that decision.

1. The Biblical mandate for parents to teach children (Genesis 18:19; Exodus 12:26-27; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6, 9-10; 6:7; Psalm 78:7; Ephesians 6:4).
2. The freedom of form that parents have for educating their children.

3. The Biblical mandate for local churches to glorify God by making disciples and equipping the body to grow in maturity (Ephesians 4:11-12).

Why is the Elder Team now leading Grace Bible Church to embrace a particular philosophy of Christian Education as a ministry here?

Questions to Consider

1. Review the verses listed under the first point. What are some key insights you see about how God's people are to train their children? If you're a parent, how are you applying these truths (Or, how did you apply them)? Are there other steps you can take?
2. Grace Bible Church treats the education of your children (that which goes beyond the parent's biblical mandate to teach and correct) as a matter of Christian freedom. Romans 14, through 15:7, is a key passage on Christian freedom. Read through this passage. How do you see this applying to a parent's decision about matters of schooling their child?
3. What's at least one place in Scripture that explains the mission of local churches? In what way(s) might this mission allow for the ministry of a school?
4. In what ways could a full-time Christian education ministry at GBC be good stewardship of resources God has provided? What are some challenges we might face? Will you commit to pray for this ministry?