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*For God's Glory Alone,
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Introduction

“Come my children listen to me and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.” (Psalm 34:11)

What does teaching our children the *fear of the Lord* have to do with a methodology of education? This goes back to the question: why do we do what we do—educate our own children at home? This book is about the *how*, but the *why* needs to be answered before we can determine the *how*.¹

It is said that all people have basic questions they long for answers to, questions such as *Who am I?* and *Why am I here?* Summed up, these are questions about life, and more specifically, the purpose of existence.

Education is the teaching and learning about life, in whatever aspect that may be. All education, whether it is apparent at first glance or not, is answering those questions—accurately or falsely. As Christians we know that accurate answers to those questions are available to all from the Author of Life and all that is, God the Creator. He has given them to us in His Book, the 66 books that make up the Holy Bible.

God's Word says that man's purpose is to “fear God and keep His commandments: this is the whole of man.” (Ecc. 12:13) Jesus tells us what God's greatest commandment is, to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this is the first commandment.” (Mark 12:30) We can know not only the facts about God and the Universe He created, which will cause us to fear the Lord, but we can and should intimately know and love the Lord God Almighty. When we know the One True Living God, who He truly is, and not just the figment of a god we have created in our own minds, we will fear Him. When we know what He has done, paid for our redemption, we will love Him.

Are you thinking, *I just want to teach my children how to read and write, do math, and get a good job?* Are you thinking, *Yes, I know. You are talking about the Bible. We'll include a class in Bible too?*

Would you agree that you want your children to have knowledge, to know things—including things like how to read, write, and compute? Would you agree that you want your children to be wise, to make proper decisions and act on them appropriately in life—such as working at a job and doing it well?

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If so, this is exactly what I am talking about. For Knowledge and Wisdom are two aspects of the triad of learning (the third being Understanding.) And Scripture holds the answer for getting these. God “has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue.” (2 Peter 1:3)

So back to our question, why do we teach our children at home, and why teach the fear of the Lord? Because “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding” (Pro. 9:10) and “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Pro. 1:7) True Wisdom and Knowledge—true learning—begins with the fear of the Lord. “For the Lord gives wisdom: out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.” (Proverbs 2:6) True learning, Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge, comes only *from* the Lord by the *fear* of the Lord.

Wisdom is the most important thing we are to seek. “Wisdom is the principle thing. Therefore get wisdom and with all your getting get understanding.” (Pro. 4:7) But there are two kinds of wisdom, man’s and God’s. Man has been seeking wisdom apart from God since the Fall, but this wisdom of man is nothing but foolishness to the Lord. (1 Corinthians 3:19) The Wisdom of God is what we desire above all else to educate our children for. That Wisdom can only come by the fear of the Lord.

So, as David exhorts, (actually not to his physical children,) I also call to my own children, “Come my children, listen to me and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.” If we want our children to truly learn, to grow in Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge, we must teach them the fear of the Lord, by the Word of the Lord. And we must teach them to seek God’s Wisdom above all else.

As Psalm 34:11 states, we want our children to listen to our teaching. Listening is one of our learning paths. In fact, it is a foundational learning path. We must “have ears to hear,” be attentive and teachable. Those that lack the physical ability to hear be will hindered in their learning in some ways, and will have to compensate in other ways. But the inability to listen doesn’t mean they can’t learn. This call to listen, hearing or not, is a call to attentiveness to what is being taught. But listening, even attentive hearing, by itself, is not and does not equal true learning. By itself, it does not produce Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge. Attentiveness and teachability is just the beginning.

True learning is a process of gaining Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge. This process of learning is really several processes, both internal and

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external, that work together as we receive new ideas and information, reflect upon them, reason through them Biblically, integrate them into our lives and thought processes, and then produce our own individual output based upon them.

This method of teaching and learning is not something new or unique to us. It is Biblical and historic, called by other names by others, or by no name at all. My terminology and breakdown may be a bit different, but the process is the same whatever we call it—or don't call it. For me, it came from simply thinking through how we come to Biblical conclusions about new ideas and information we receive, and how we can teach others to do so also.

It is a far superior method than that of rote memory and drill or filling in the blanks in workbooks or on tests. It is a method of scholarly and Biblical excellence, the “best way to implant truth within our hearts—the best method by which to learn and be educated.”² It “builds character... self-government, industry, orderliness, discipline, and the ability to communicate and reason.”³ A form of this method of learning produced the excellence of nearly 100% literacy at the time of the founding of our nation and the brilliant minds that produced the documents of civil liberty based on Biblical principles that birthed the first and only Christian Constitutional Federal Republic, a nation with more civil liberty for all than any other—the United States of America.

R Road to Biblical Wisdom is this reflective method of learning. It is not a legalistic, lock-step formula we perform by putting in information and spitting it back out flawlessly. It is life and growth. It is living and relational and intertwined. It is nothing more or less than Biblical meditation, which God's Word tells us will make us wise and successful. Biblical meditation is the same as the methodology that our forefathers used, when education produced true learning.

Freedom & Simplicity™ on R Road to Biblical Wisdom outlines the study processes that form the framework of *Lifestyle Education through Discipleship™*. The Road is paved with many R's. Each R is a specific process we go through as we learn; yet they all work hand in hand and cross paths often. We don't just finish one and move on to the next. Although there is a beginning R and an ending R, even these are not an end in themselves, for the end is really a new beginning as we Revisit and Review and add more to our learning. We never arrive at Wisdom. We simply grow in Wisdom as we take this Journey in Christian Life.

Learning, like most everything else, has internal and external aspects. Also, like most everything else, the external form (in both the theory and application) is lifeless and can bring bondage without the internal power that brings

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life, and growth and liberty. It is only in uniting this internal power and external form that true Biblical learning takes place. A human teacher can teach but can never make anyone learn. True learning requires an internal aspect that only the student himself can apply.

Although **R Road to Biblical Wisdom** in application is not a neatly laid out formula, as a teacher the form is all I can give you. It is up to you to take the form, internalize it and bring life to it. It is in *your* application, through understanding the spirit of **R Road**, not just knowing the external format, that power comes, bringing forth liberty and wisdom, as you internalize and apply the method of learning.

R Road to Biblical Wisdom is not a “trick” to learning, nor is it a complicated process, nor is it anything new. It is simply a breakdown of the processes of Biblical meditation in order to teach them to others. Come along on **R Road** as we look at these processes that come together as Biblical meditation for Biblical Wisdom.



1 For the *why*, and the complete foundations of *Lifestyle Education through Discipleship™*, see [Freedom & Simplicity™ Of Lifestyle Education through Discipleship™ ~ The Seminar](http://frommeandmyhouse.com/led-seminar.htm), by Me and My House. <http://frommeandmyhouse.com/led-seminar.htm>

The *why* will also be presented in book format, in the forthcoming **Freedom & Simplicity™ for Seeking Wisdom: The Foundation of Lifestyle Education through Discipleship™ ~ Developing a Biblical Philosophy of Education**.

2 Stephen McDowell & Mark Beliles, [Liberating the Nations](#). (Charlottesville, VA: Providence Foundation, 1995), 100.

3 McDowell and Beliles, 101.

Recommended Resources have hyperlinks whenever possible.