

# Homeschooling is not enough

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## The Graduate Generation

- A Story
- Head Knowledge & Heart Knowledge
- Three Generations to Apostasy
- Why We Homeschooled in the First Place

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## In the beginning, we thought...

- Our children would know and love God
- They would embrace our values
- We'd enjoy a stress-free family life
- Our children would turn out to be wonderful
- We will be happy and fulfilled
- All homeschooled children would be above average, like Lake Wobegon

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## And a lot of that was true, but...

We also saw around us...

- Moral failure
- Teenage runaways
- Rejection of the faith
- Family breakup and worse ...
  
- *How could this be?*

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## Facts ...

- Original sin afflicts us all
- Even dysfunctional families homeschool
- Our children aren't perfect
- Their parents aren't perfect
- *For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God*  
(Romans 3:23)

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## What we realized

- Homeschooling is not enough
- Neither are ...
  - The perfect curriculum or classes
  - Godly standards of dress and behavior
  - Christian parents
  - Family devotions
  - There's more, though.

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## God Saves our Children

- We need to rely on the Lord and pray!
- ✘ Do those good things – Our children should be without excuse and us without regrets.
- There are some traps to avoid, though...

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## Who's Peer Dependent Now?

- It's not about you
- Embarrassment beats resentment
- To be rather than to seem

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## Just Follow the Recipe?

- A real temptation
- Over-controlling
- Do we want control more than we want God's control?
- Don't just teach what to do, but why to do it.
- Be straight about commandments, principles, and preferences.
- Follow who? Follow Christ!

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## Passing the Baton

- An error-likely situation
- Who's going to push who?
- Benevolent dictators or trusted advisors?
- Transitioning

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## Expectations We Couldn't Meet Ourselves

- Not like me!
- Harshness
- The Testosterone (or Estrogen) Years
- The Roller Coaster
- Take the Relationship Seriously
- Stand Firm

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## School is Never Out

- The Good and the Bad
- Saying it in a way they can understand
- Loving and Liking, or rather Love and Delight

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## The Power of Delight

- Rick & Marilyn Boyer, The Learning Parent
- Don't quench the smoldering flax!
- Maria von Trapp
- Mountain Dew at Midnight
- Passing on Passion

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## How Does the Lord Love Us?

- First
- Understanding
- Complete forgiveness and acceptance
- Delight!

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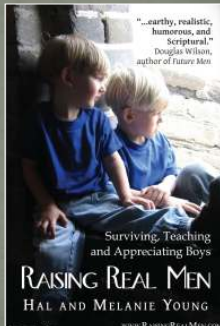
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