

Character Counts: Building a Life That Pleases God

Survival Training for the School Jungle

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The Heart of the Matter

Every autumn, another school year begins. Kindergartners tearfully kiss their parents good-bye. Children are placed back “on schedule.” Teenagers return to homerooms, gym class, pep rallies, and the old grind . . . as college students wave farewell and shout, “Send money!” Regardless of age or area, similar feelings take hold in each household. In many cases, young and tender lives are introduced to a whole new world of experiences and temptations and relationships. The Christian—both parent and student—often wrestles with these new encounters and asks, “Am I able to cope?” “Can my Christianity stand up under the pressure of such blows?” Let’s find direction and encouragement from God’s Word for the school years ongoing and yet to come.



Discovering the Way

1. The Biblical Picture of Education (Deuteronomy 6:4–7)

Education should begin in the home, but usually extends outside it as well.

2. Patterns of Belief (1 Samuel 2:18–26; Daniel 1:8–21; Hebrews 11:23–29)

Samuel, Daniel, and Moses each continued in their faith in spite of being educated in environments that were not always supportive of those commitments.

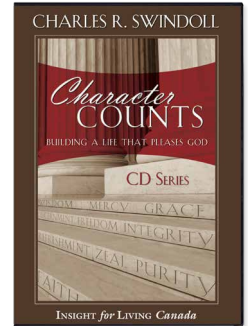


Starting Your Journey

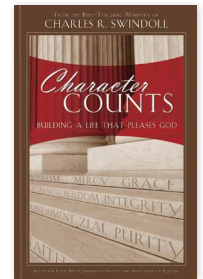
Students, *no pressure is greater than God’s power*. Parents, *no school can fully erase the impact of a godly home*.



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