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Home Schooling, on: 2005/3/29 9:04

Anyone care to share their thoughts on Home Schooling vs. Public Schooling?

Krispy

Re: Home Schooling - posted by dann (), on: 2005/3/29 11:42

My wife, having worked six years in the public school system, was easily persuaded to homeschool our children.

The Jesuit's have a saying, "Give us a child until he is eight years old, and we will have him for life!" - that is, they understand that the most effective time to indoctrinate a person with one's own moral system is during the early years of that person's life.

The public school system (well, television helps too) is simply the most efficient way to indoctrinate a child into the "world" system.

In the first four or five years of any child's life the child learns social behavior, language, reasoning etc. Some estimate that half of what we know was learned in the first and formative years of our life. Children learn by example, by situational necessity, by experiment etc. - all of which comes quite naturally at home.

Then we take them out of that carefree learning environment where they have already learned so very much more than they will ever learn in school, and we force them to sit against their nature in straight rows, face the front, and 'learn'?? Perhaps I am just a romantic, but this seems quite ironic to me.

Anyway, my wife and I determined to homeschool our children in their formative years - at least till after puberty.

We determined this - that education and intelligence do not make a person happy in life - as these qualities can be fostered, nurtured, and grown in a classroom - but these qualities only make a person more likely to have a higher paying job. Our priority was not that our children have high paying jobs, but that they learn contentment, that they should grow to be happy in whatever they end up doing - that we would determine our success as parents and homeschoolers, not on whether our child was the most educated person, but on whether they were happy, and living entirely to God's glory.

To that end, we were not as concerned about scholastics as character. Never the less, our children are exceeding far beyond anyone their own age in the public school system. Nothing like one-on-one all day with the first and primary teacher (mom).

Some further, unseen benefits of homeschooling that we have noticed, have been that our children are great friends with one another, and they have unfeigned respect for adults - whom they communicate with as people and not as "the enemy."

We have been blessed by the Lord in that we are able to homeschool. My wife thought there was no way she could ever do it, and there was much fear and trepidation when we started, but now it is easy, and the benefits are so profound that we would never have changed a thing for the world.

I sympathize with those who would like to homeschool but cannot because of financial, or personal considerations. Sometimes when a person gives a positive endorsement of homeschooling, it triggers a very negative reaction in others, who view the positive endorsement as a personal criticism against their own choices or situations. I add therefore this caveat - the Lord called my wife and I to this, and we have been blessed because He did. It is not an indictment against anyone who doesn't want to homeschool, it is not a boast as though I thought I were somehow a better parent because I am a homeschooler - nothing at all like that. The Lord gave us this opportunity and we took it. What was possible for me may not be possible for others, and I don't want to give the impression that I think it is.

Hope that helps

Dan
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Re:, on: 2005/3/29 11:58

Dann... I have nothing to add to that. You wrote my testimony! Thats plagerism, isnt it? :-P

Especially that last paragraph. I agree completely. I know people who are homeschooling and they really are doing their kids a disservice. Probably because they were not called of God to do it. Christian school would be a better alternative.

Conversly, I know many Christians who dont believe it's possible for them to do it, when it really is... they just have their priorities a little out of whack.

But that was a very gracious response, and right on target. I hope the thread stays this way.

We have 4 boys... and except for the Bible, Dr. Dobson's book "Brining Up Boys" is the most read book by my wife and I . He has some great things to say about the drugging up of boys (by diagnosing them "ADHD", and fixing it with drugs) t o make them fit into an educational environment that is suited toward girls. Girls are more capable of sitting and paying a tention than boys are at a young age. It's a good book, and I recommend it to anyone who has sons.

I coach youth football (American football... not that sissy soccer stuff! LOL), and I cant tell you how many of my guys are on prescriptions for ADHD. I had one kid come on the team last year, and he was always gazing off. I yelled at him one night and he started crying. I pulled him off the field and asked what his problem was... he said "I'm ADHD." I said "That' s just an excuse... I'll help you get over it." 30 push-ups and 30 up-downs later... he was paying real good attention, and I only had to get on him one other time.

Krispy

Re: Home Schooling - posted by Angyl, on: 2005/3/29 12:24

sigh

we've all been there...posting a long, juicy reply to a thread and it gets deleted for some reason....

well, suffice it to say I agree with you both 100%

'specially Krispy's point about all the boys being diagnosed ADHD because they don't fit into the new-age public school s ystem and frankly, because of the laziness of teachers, parents, and doctors.

Re:, on: 2005/3/29 13:39

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ugh... I hate that when it happens.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Eli_Barnabas (), on: 2005/3/29 13:44

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It is God testing our patience :-)

Re: Home Schooling - posted by lastblast (), on: 2005/3/29 16:36

Well, we did the public school and for the most part it was an incredibly blessed experience. My daughter who is high functioning autistic received beyond what we could have expected---occupational therapy, speech therapy, etc. We did not have to ask the school for one thing when we moved to our current home. They told us what she needed and gave it to us. What a difference from our Florida public school experience. Another awesome thing is that our current PS is FILLED with Christians and boy can you tell. We totally believe the Lord's Hand was in our move here and that PS was a blessing for us. That was in 1999.

Now my kids(twins) are ready to graduate from elementary school and we have made the decision to homeschool. We are very excited about doing this. Why did we make the decision since our school system seems so good? Well, the middle school years are absolutely HORRENDOUS. Hormones raging, clicks, peer pressure, choice language and behaviors, etc.....only a few of the reasons we feel we need to homeschool to benefit our children. My son (a true ADHD boy, non medicated) is quite a comic.....and a follower, unfortunately. My daughter is sweet natured (for the most part), social and would do whatever someone told her to(bad things). Wonderful....my kids just walked in the door from school as I was typing this and my son told me a boy on the bus was teaching my daughter the "F" word, which of course she repeated over and over to this boy's delight.....sigh.....

For us, homeschool is a protective measure for our kids, not to mention a great way to bond even closer to each other. In any case, until we are sure they are able to handle the "world" in a positive manner, we could not in good conscience send our kids out in it, knowing their weaknesses. Thankfully, we are in the position to be able to homeschool.

So, in my opinion, PS can be wonderful or it can be terrible, depending on where you live (I live in a very "Christian" conservative area, so the PS is actually quite good and not real "worldly"). Just my thoughts. Blessings, Cindy :-)

Re: Home Schooling - posted by iHilam (), on: 2005/3/29 18:03

We home schooled my daughter from 2nd grade through high school and she is now getting ready to attend college. I think if you have the time and resources to do it, it's great. Would I do it all over again? Yes. Would my daughter do it again? Yes.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/3/29 20:20

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For all of you that have lost a post when pressing the submit button I know how you feel. This can happen so I would definitely take the following steps to ensure posts don't get lost! --> Copy and Save! before you press submit.. here is a topic that goes through this precautionary method in detail that brother Mike put up:

(http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id349&forum21&2) Help for fellow "Posters" Don't lose your work!

Re:, on: 2005/3/30 8:32

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My comments concerning ADHD will probably lead some to think that I dont believe ADHD really exists. This is not the case. We have friends who do foster care, and they recently adopted a young black boy who's mother used crack and other drugs while she was pregnant. He truly is ADHD and needs medication.

On a whole tho, I believe a vast majority of ADHD cases is nothing more than the parents and/or teachers not wanting to deal with an active kid. I believe a lack of discipline is also part of.

I like what Cindy said concerning homeschooling being a means of protecting the child from the world. Some Christians scoff at this, but I believe it is very important. If you're building a boat, do you build it on the water? No, you build it on land and make sure it is waterproof before you send it out to sea. The same is true for children. 5 year old kids are not mature enough to be missionaries. Especially when they are surrounded by the world, and worldly thought and education, 7 hours a day.

Most homeschoolers homeschool straight thru high school. We will... but not necessarily because we want to keep our children from the world. We honestly believe we can give our kids a better education, and that has been proven out by many many studies of homeschoolers compared to public school kids.

I think it depends on the individual child as to whether they are mature enough to enter public high school and maintain their faith and be witness for Christ.

Lest anyone think that homeschoolers are afraid of the world... most are not. But we do hold to what the very first chapter of Psalms says:

Psalms 1: *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

Also...

Proverb 13:20 ***He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.***

And...

Psalms 132:12 *If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.*

Amen and amen...

Krispy

Re: homeschool - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/3/30 9:07

I was going to write some long post but decided not to.

Just as encouragement here is one 15 yr.old's website/journal who attends public school. (www.xanga.com/humble1) Humble1 ("arielle" on SI)

There is still light in the dark world of public school :)

Also, just a thought. How many of us went to public school and , even though we had our dark times, God has used them and brought us to a better place and has used those situations to give us wisdom and discernment.

I have to think that many of us who are the most hungry for the things of God, had the worst reputation, or backgrounds. (not that we should make sure our children have a bad childhood!) but just that God is sovereign! :)

Just thoughts.....

Blessings, Chanin

p.s . also this is the same 15 yr. old- then 14 yr old who made the (www.fireonthealtar.com/compilations/channin/Lay%20it%20down2.mp3) "Lay It Down" compilation. well, ok, we made it together, but she did all the computer work :)

Re: - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/3/30 9:21

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You are unusually blessed to have PS's like that. This is not the case for most folks.

Our schools are not real bad here in Western North Carolina... but we do know for a fact that we can offer our children a better education than they will get in the PS's. We're usually blessed that my wife has a Masters Degree in Education... kinda gives us a leg up. But many people with no college education are producing homeschool kids who surpass the PS' s own tests.

In fact, in North Carolina, homeschoolers are required to be tested just like the PS kids every year... however, it is illegal for us to use the same tests the PS's use. We inquired of our Congressman as to why, out of curiosity. He told us that homeschoolers consistently outscore the PS kids, thus throwing the statewide results completely off. This was Congressman Charles Taylor NC-R.

Krispy

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2005/3/30 10:08

Quote:

-----I have to think that many of us who are the most hungry for the things of God, had the worst reputation, or backgrounds.

I can personally attest to this :-o The thing is that my mother and her many husbands were far from Godly. My husband and I are Christians (unlike my parents), so it's a whole different scenario. I think the homeschool vs. public school discussion is valuable, but only so long as people can remain respectful of other's decisions for doing what they do. It's like so many other divisive issues-----the discussions are valuable as it gives opportunity to weigh our own hearts in the decisions/stances we take.

Concerning our family, it is our PRESENT situation with our children which causes my husband and me to decide to homeschool. Public school WAS beneficial for my kids---extremely so. However, at this point in my children's lives, they are NOT equipped to go out into the middle school world:-x ---and not be harmed/overcome. Some children ARE equipped and have a driving call to be "a light" in the schools they are in. In those type cases, I can see where they SHOULD be allowed to walk in their callings----with parental supervision, of course.

I don't know, I liken this situation to either a new believer/older believer who is struggling with sin issues. Knowing their weaknesses, would we throw them in the midst of temptation and tell them to "overcome"? Of course not. We would surround/protect that stumbling brother/sister and help them to overcome. That's why this is not an all or nothing type of discussion. Some believers are equipped to handle what is 'out there', while others need to be strengthened before going out. In my opinion, it is only when one has "overcome" in an area that God can truly use them effectively, without hypocrisy. What happens to many "christian" kids in public schools is that they verbalize their faith in Christ and a "changed" life, yet they are not "overcomers" and fall into sin, hurting their testimony and not being a light. They are not ready to "go out".

When I first became a Christian I was not equipped to hang out with my previous friends who drank/partied/cursed like sailors, etc. I found myself removed from them. My new "friends" were brothers and sisters in Christ-----those who nurtured me and encouraged me to grow in faith as I studied His Word. Because of this nurturing and growth, I can now be around ungodly people doing such things and not partake----I can be "a light"---a believer who is "in the world, but not of the world".

Homeschooling for us is "nurturing" and equipping our children who are not "strong in the Lord". Like I said, every parent needs to make their own decisions based upon who their children are IN THE LORD. Some parents may choose to homeschool one or more of their children while allowing another child to go to PS because they ARE strong in the Lord and able to handle the temptations that they are surrounded by. Many children are not even "in the Lord" yet, so that needs to be considered as well. Ultimately, each of us needs to really discern what the will of the Lord is for EACH one of our children. They are not "cookie cutter" kids. What's good for one may not be the will of the Lord for the other. This homeschooling decision was a no brainer for us in our present situation. However, if someone would have asked me 3 years ago if I would homeschool, I would have said "NO WAY". Matter of fact, a friend of mine was laughing when I told her I was going to homeschool. She remembers a derogatory comment I made years ago about homeschooling my kids :-)

Re:, on: 2005/3/30 10:39

I echo what Cindy just wrote. I used to be of the mindset that every believer should homeschool. While I have some rather strong opinions about that, I've come to the conclusion that I have to be obedient to the Lord in what He has called **us** to do, and who am I to judge another concerning what they believe God has called them to do. I won't be argumentative on this particular topic because this is about callings, and not doctrine. I will contend very earnestly against modern bible versions and the WOF teachings. But I will allow myself to consider other people's callings on issues like this.

For us... if you were to ask why we homeschool, it isn't just about being "shade for the children" as Steve Camp sung it. It's also not just about giving them a better education. There isn't any one reason why we do it. There are **many**.

One thing I would like to point out, however... besides family, our strongest critics against us homeschooling has come from other Christians. Cindy is right that schooling is a decision the individual family unit needs to make. However, the church is filled with "worldly" Christians (if there is such a thing) who watch the same movies as the world, dress immodestly like the world, talk just like the world... and send their kids to PS's claiming they are being a light in the darkness. No they aren't... because the kids are not being trained at home in the things of God. They're all too busy playing playstation or watching Survivor. In most cases the mom can't homeschool because the family is so deep in debt they have no choice, the mom has to work. Because the family decided years ago to live like the world, they are now in a position where they have no choice.

God has called us to come out from among them. If more Christians would take the Word of God seriously, and stop living their lives according to what the world considers "success"... the next generation would have a greater impact on the world.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Angyl, on: 2005/3/30 11:23

Man, Krispy...that was impressive! As usual, I agree with you all the way!

'specially the light in the darkness part. As a child I didn't get the "salt-no flavor" verses in scripture. Now, everytime I see one of these polls that say 90% of Americans identify themselves as Christian I think about those verses. There's no way on God's green earth 90% of America is Christian...

I'd wager less than half this country is truly saved and of that less than 50%...probably less than 10% give God any real thought in their day to day lives (I.E. attend services regularly and pray and worship, etc.)

There's a whole lot of salt out there with no flavor and a whole lot of minor lights pretending to be one with the darkness, whose lights are so dim, you couldn't see them from two feet away.

Not that I hold myself up as any paragon of Christianity or anything, but dang if my employer/coworkers don't know me as *"one of those Church-going fundamental types..."*

And you should hear the reaction I get from our female dominated office whenever I talk about my wife being stay at home...

or homeschooling...

We're freaks, in their eyes.

Re:, on: 2005/3/30 12:00

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I remember when we decided to homeschool, a lot of women we knew just thought it was a travesty to women that a mom would want to stay home and not have a career outside the home... but now, these ladies are in their late-30's, early 40's like we are... and they have kids... and they are jealous of what we have. But they have dug themselves a hole financ

ially.

Praise God my wife had the foresight and knowledge of God's calling on her life... because I sure fought her about staying home w/the kids. Sometimes we husbands need to listen to our wives more often... right Cindy? 8-)

Krispy

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2005/3/30 12:11

No comment..... :-P

Re: - posted by dann (), on: 2005/3/30 12:46

Quote:

moreofHim wrote:

How many of us went to public school and , even though we had our dark times, God has used them and brought us to a better place and has used those situations to give us wisdom and discernment.

I gave this a bit of thought, and found that things are not the same today as when I went to public school:

When I went to Public School (I live in Canada):

- we said the Lord's prayer every morning
- teachers had the right to administer corporal punishment to disobedient children
- you would be reported and taken to the office for saying D-mn!
- the most violent show on television was Starsky and Hutch.
- if you missed a class a note went home to your parents.
- only about 5% of my classmates came from broken homes.

My wife worked in the public school system for six years, and I volunteered there too during that time - and I can say from first hand experience, it is not the same as when I went to school.

If I do send my children to public school, It would be wrong to imagine that I am sending them into the same environment that I came out of. I would be sending them into an exponentially darker system than I endured.

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Re: K-12 - posted by Compton (), on: 2005/3/30 12:51

Interesting thread,

I don't think I saw anything about William Bennetts' K-12 program. (Pardon me if I missed it...) K-12 is a state funded home school program that sets up homes with online curriculum, textbooks, a computer (w/online connectivity if needed), a printer, and a local teacher/coach for assistance.

For me the interesting aspect of K-12 is the high degree of autonomy given considering it's technically funded by the public school system. By autonomy I mean that a parent is free to teach the material within whatever moral or religious environment they want to create for their children. There is accountability in the form of standardized testing.

I know many many schoolers who feel K-12 is not really home schooling. For instance, there is a support group for home school mothers in our town that will not accept other women (or men) who participate in K-12.

Personally I think K-12 is an encouraging development. When I was growing up homeschooling was looked at like some type of radical militia or cult activity. Now the state supports it.

Any thoughts? Here is the link to the K-12 website. (<http://www.k12.com/>) K-12

By the way, I would be curious to know how Christians in Europe feel about the subject of "homeschooling". Once, while in London, I casually mentioned that we were considering homeschooling our children; everyone gave me looks of concern like I was Jim Jones. Is this typical?:-P

Blessings,

MC

Re: K-12 - posted by dann (), on: 2005/3/30 13:00

They have a similar thing some Canadian provinces - that is the government provides educational funding to the homeschooler, and in return the homeschooler has to teach the government program - which would be okay if the program didn't include various anti-christian themes (homosexuality as a natural healthy lifestyle alternative, for example).

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wow, that is very different than when i was in highschool. I don't think I'll get into all the things that were going on in my highschool, but it was right out of a scene from "Fast Times At Ridgemont High". My last year of highschool, i am lucky that i graduated because i skipped classes so much to go out and party.

When Arielle comes home to tell me what is going on at her highschool, things have not changed too much. Still the same things going on and it is kind of nice because i can tell her who is doing what and why. She counsels and gives advice to as many who will listen. She befriends the losers and outcasts and gives them hope and love. She chastises the popular group who are involved with YoungLife. Many of the popular kids go to Young Life and Fellowship of Christian Athletes at school, yet do not walk their talk- and the great thing is that she calls them on it :-P

Again, she is different.

Even though I was a professing christian in highschool, I was totally not. I was partying my brains out every weekend and rebelling. My parents should have put me in christian school then. But, then i wouldn't be who I am now. God knew what He was doing. He was in control all along- thank the Lord!

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Amen... I graduated in 1985. We drank, smoked pot, had sex, listened to Motley Crue and goofed off. It was dark then... but I don't remember anyone **ever** bringing a gun to school unless it was in the gun rack of your pick-up during deer season. Heck, we used to carry pocket knives around all the time, and no one thought anything about it.

Now there are metal detectors at the door.

Yea, that's where I want to send my kids.

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I think I remember you..! LOL

By the way, I remember that movie well. It's wonderful how God changes us. I used to love that movie... now I think it's one of the most pathetic movies ever made.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2005/3/30 13:33

I just had a funny thought... remember back in the 80's (for those of you who are my age) how the adults just thought the youth of that era were horrible, and everything was going to hell in a hand basket?

And that's not to say they weren't right... because they were... but wouldn't y'all love to go back to the 1980's now!

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Re: A Problem with Christian Schools - posted by kirindor (), on: 2005/3/30 23:43

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I want to take something that Cindy said and run with it just a bit.

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I also have a daughter with significant learning difficulties and health issues.

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Re: Good issue to bring up - posted by Compton (), on: 2005/3/31 2:25

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Kirindor brings up an important issue I think.

We too have a little one with special needs. Home schooling is unrealistic in my opinion, for children that need specialized therapy. Private Christian schools normally don't have the resources to build functional departments for this special area of need.

For my wife, the solution was to get involved in the public school. She started out as a classroom assistant to make sure that the experience was healthy for our son. Immediately she developed a burden for all of the children in the class and is deciding to move into this area fulltime.

It's interesting how the sovereignty of God works through the "least" of us...our special needs son is used by God to expose our family to a whole world of ministry right in our backyard.

Blessings all,

MC

Re:, on: 2005/3/31 8:21

I agree... this is an area that needs to be addressed by the Christian community. Right now, it isn't. Not even in Sunday Schools is it really being addressed, and it needs to be.

Also, I commend Christians who get involved as teachers and/or administrators in the public schools. It is a mission field! I just don't believe that our younger children are called to the missionaries. But certainly adults can be used mightily of God in that forum.

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I don't believe only Christian "Schools" ought to be the best at educating a special needs child----a CHRISTIAN (homeschooling parent or a Christian school) should be equipped in whatever way necessary to care for such a child. Isn't there a way to get special services in a Christian school? I know I can still tap into special services, if I want, through our local school system (speech therapy, etc). Can't therapists be brought into a Private school at taxpayers expense since we all pay school taxes? Anybody know the law regarding this? Blessings, Cindy :-)

Re:, on: 2005/3/31 15:58

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Probably not, since it is a private school. I can just here the "church and state" issue being brought into that argument. I don't know what the laws are concerning this, but I'm quite certain it varies state to state.

Krispy

Re: - posted by kirindor (), on: 2005/3/31 23:47

Cindy,

Having public school employees come to a Christian School creates a lot of difficulties. Most jurisdictions interpret this as the Christian School accepting state funds, so it is seldom practice.

Some states have provision for non-public-school-students having access to some of the specialized services.

Also, I shouldn't have implied that Christian Schools are the best for special needs children.

Re:, on: 2005/4/1 7:59

Christian schools are leary of accepting funding and help from public schools because you can never receive anything from the government without strings attached. That's why a lot of Christian charities will not get involved with President Bush's "faith based" initiatives. His motivation was good, but it spells trouble for most believers because if the government is involved, the government will dictate what you can and can't do. Such as evangelize.

The church doesn't need the government's involvement to fulfill what God has already commanded us to do.

The church just needs to spend less \$\$ on fancy temples made of wood and stone, and spend more on charity work.

Krispy