

Foreword
A Manual for a Real *EDUCATION REFORMATION*
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Education Reformation by Ray Fournier is a worthy addition to a growing body of literature, articles, and books that call pastors, families, local churches and denominations to rescue their children from the secular and humanistic public schools. A clear, comprehensive guide to becoming “more than conquerors,” the book calls families to active engagement in Christian education.

Education Reformation systematically presents biblical texts in an easy to find and well-organized manual. Perhaps one aspect that sets *Education Reformation* apart from many other excellent books that promote K-12 Christian education and home-schooling is that Fournier links a Gospel motivation in Chapter 1 and the fulfillment of the Great Commission in Chapter 2 to the biblical mandate for K-12 Christian education or home-schooling. This insight alone makes *Education Reformation* important in the arsenal of books to motivate families and churches to practice K-12 Christian education or home-schooling as part of their walk of faith and obedience. Both chapters are succinct and leave the reader with no ambiguity.

Chapter 3, succinctly organized around six commands and principles for the family, typifies the ease in which the work can be used as a handy instruction manual for study in Sunday school classes, home-schools or home Bible studies.

Many evangelicals who recognize the Great Commission as the primary focus of the New Testament and principal mission of the Church will ascertain through these pages that they have neglected the discipleship of their own children in the family. All too often many of these dear brethren have sent their children into harm’s way in the public schools to fulfill the Great Commission or be “salt and light.” This tactical error has had tragic consequences for modern evangelicalism. *Education Reformation* addresses this error.

Education Reformation proposes the necessity of parent-directed education and discipleship in the family. Fournier’s work should enable Christian families to understand the clash of world views, the harmful influence of the public education

system and how to develop practical plans to disciple their children, the next generation, for Christ's Church and kingdom.

As a public school science teacher, Ray Fournier produces accurate, first-hand testimony concerning the harmful impact of public schooling on Christian children. He has woven real-life stories that can alert unsuspecting parents and church leaders to the crisis in the schools through children he knows who have left the Christian faith as a result of their public school experience.

Since graduating with honors from Gettysburg College with a bachelor of science in biology, he has served as a high school science teacher for the last 13 years. Using solid academic credentials in science, he makes the case for creationism in *Education Reformation*. His outspokenness in alerting Christian parents to the dangers in public schools may awaken them to their responsibility to commit themselves whole heartedly to K-12 Christian education and home-schooling.

In Chapter 6, "The Public Schools and the Ten Commandments," Fournier demonstrates how the public school system violates the Ten Commandments and how churches and families contradict their Christian faith when they participate in public schools. The tenor of the book exalts scriptural authority for Christians in all areas of life, especially the education of our children and youth.

Not only has Fournier produced a thoroughly practical and concise book for families and churches, but he may elicit a new generation of books on this crucial topic. He himself represents a new body of leaders entering the battle for the children and for the future of the Church, the family and the culture. If Fournier's instructions are heeded, an "education reformation" could ignite a revival in the land, a biblical reformation, so that once again America could become that "shining city set on a hill" that birthed liberty and the Christian faith throughout this continent and the world.

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