

Principal's Welcome Commencement 2010

Hello, my name is Steven Reynolds and I am the Administrative Assistant at Kings Christian School. Among my responsibilities is being the high school principal.

A popular statement in Christian circles today is “**Christianity is not a religion, it’s a relationship!**” While this statement is completely true, I fear the motive of those saying it is often to sooth their consciences with respect to their unwillingness to be obedient to what God has communicated He expects from His followers. **However, I really think that since we have a relationship, the expectation is actually higher.** It is a lot like Jesus’ “sermon on the mount” showing us that it is not just our behavior that counts, but also our attitude and motives. The demands of law of love are actually greater than the Old Testament Law. **So it is with a relationship – we must not only be obedient to individual tasks clearly required of us, but we must now cultivate the relationship by seeking out what the one we are in a relationship with desires.** Relationships are based upon shared common experiences. Therefore the lack of common experiences hinders relationships. Fortunately, for most of us a relationship is more motivating than rules. However, there are some definite ways to degrade a relationship. One is to spend the majority of your time cultivating interests that you know the person you are in a relationship with has no desire to be a part of. This will cause you to grow apart. But, there is actually something worse - that is to engage in activities that you know the other person is interested in, but choosing to leave them out.

Can you imagine a husband knowing that his wife enjoyed going to drama productions, and yet attending a great number of these, but always with someone other than her. Not exactly the best way to enhance their relationship! Worse yet, all of the productions are authored by her and you begin to agree with the others you attend with that they are written by someone else!!!

This is what most Christians do – they go through the motions by doing what is expected (by being religious and moral), but really don’t fully invest in their relationship with Jesus because they leave Him out of the major part of their lives. Worse, they train their children to do the same. How? By sending them to schools for 6+ hours a day where God is completely left out as they study His handiwork.

You see..... **Jesus is the Word**, He is the source of language,
History is truly His-Story,
Most principals of government and economics have been drawn from God’s laws given to Israel
He is the creator of all the Biological, Chemical and Physical laws that allow us to be physicians, engineer’s and plumbers.
The very first book of the Bible commences with God using drama to communicate His point.
He is the one who gave us the talents to be musicians, athletes and artists.

How can any Christian believe their children will be better off being educated without seeking out the Creator of it all and what He has to say about every subject? Yet most do!

Given what is already been said about the effect of shared experiences on relationships, how do you think this affects their **relationship** with the Lord Jesus Christ?

If you are a Christian parent my challenge to you is :

- 1.) Analyze your own life – are you honoring God in every part?
- 2.) If you are not providing your child a truly Christian education, do everything in your power to do so for the rest of your child’s schooling either by home schooling or delegating the responsibility to a good Christian School?

That being said, let us get on with the occasion for the evening, celebrating with some parents that made the decision to give their children a Christian Education **On behalf of the board, administration, staff and the students of this graduating class, welcome to the Kings Christian high school 2010 graduation ceremonies.**