

Classical Homeschooling: An Oxymoron?

We have already addressed some of the common reasons why parents homeschool. Some of these include, but aren't limited to, God's command that parents be the primary teachers of their children; that the family is a whole, rather than individuals residing at the same address; that true education is integrated with life rather than separated from it. And other reasons include academic excellence, values communication, and financial constraints.

So what do our reasons for homeschooling have to do with classical homeschooling? Plenty. All of us have probably read or heard discussed the idea that "regular" homeschooling is okay for average parents, but classical education requires the cut above; that classical homeschooling higher than the grammar stage may be something of an oxymoron. Is that true? Are our reasons for homeschooling applicable to all forms of education except for classical education? I believe not.

Let's go back to this: God designated parents to do the job of teaching. We can look at this statement the normal way, the way most of us are used to looking at it: that parents are the ones responsible before God to provide a superior education, usually through coming up with the big bucks to have the top-flight professionals to do the job. This assumes almost automatically that top-flight professionals are better educators of children than parents, solely on the grounds of their level of familiarity with their subject matter.

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