



PROVIDENCE BIBLE COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Education at Providence Bible College and Theological Seminary is based on the Christian traditional approach in contrast to the humanistic, progressive systems of education. We believe the Christian traditional approach provides students with the best possible programs and methods of studies. We seek to impart to each student Christian character development, communicative skills of language, and subject matter in harmony with God's truth in the various academic disciplines. The objective of Christian education is to develop, within the framework of the student's God-given personality, potential, and abilities, individuals who are articulate, knowledgeable, and of good Christian character.

We believe that the content of Christian education must be in harmony with "whatsoever things are true...honest...just...pure, and... lovely," (Philippians 4:8). We believe that the classroom methods should be teacher-directed (Deut. 6:7), with the student acquiring knowledge through studying (II Tim. 2:15), researching (John 5:39), reasoning (Acts 24:25), relating (Luke 24:27), and recording (III John 12).

We believe the scriptures give us the true view of God and man. The scriptures tell us that God is an orderly Personality who created man and the universe and that He is the Author of order, reason, and reality that are reflected in the universe. Christian traditional education is rooted in objective reality and absolutes, as opposed to relativism. All truth is God's truth.

Christian Education must deal with the social and spiritual, as well as the academic dimensions of the student. Thus, the academic programs are only a part of the educational process of college life. The essence of a disciple of Christ is self-denial (Titus 2:12) and self-discipline. Our instruction and training programs help support this process. Our students are taught the Christian philosophy of life, so that he or she is armed "lest any man spoil (him) through philosophy and vain deceit" (Colossians 2:8).

Through Christian education, the student must be brought to "unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man. Unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). Thus, the graduate is able to be an effective witness for Christ, is academically equipped in a free society, and is able to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in his or her daily life.