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MY CHILDREN ARE GROWN UP AND STUDYING IN UNIVERSITY. THEY GREW UP IN CHURCH AND KNOW THE BIBLE, BUT THEY STOPPED ATTENDING CHURCH. HOW CAN I HELP THEM OR WHAT CAN I DO IN THIS SITUATION?

Knowing the Bible is not the same as salvation. There are a number of people who know the Bible well or even the Lord Jesus Christ (about His life) but do not believe in Christ. The best and saddest example is Judas Iscariot. Remember that salvation is of the LORD. No desire to attend church is a symptom of spiritual lethargy or lack of spirituality in their lives. They have the Word of God already but they have not yet surrendered to Christ. Be a holy witness to your children from henceforth. If there had been mistakes made when bringing them up that might attribute to their rejection of Christ, confess to them and ask for forgiveness. Share with them about Christ as and when the Lord leads you to do so. Talk to them about Christ in your life as and when you can. Above all else, pray for them that the LORD will show mercy upon them and save them unto Himself. Or you may pray for the LOTRD to chastise them to restore them back unto Himself if you think they are believers who have backslid.



SHOULD WE CONSIDER HOMESCHOOLING OUR CHILDREN IN VIEW OF HOW WICKED THE WORLD IS? YESTERDAY (DAY BEFORE THE INAUGURAL SERVICE), THERE WAS A MURDER IN ONE OF OUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS!

Homeschooling is not the solution to save them from the wicked world but believing in Christ is. You can seriously consider homeschooling if the school is physically unsafe like in some western countries where children are killed going to school and there is perpetual violence and exposure to all kinds of vices. Homeschooling is an option if you live on a farm and there is no school within a reasonable distance. But if it is the education in terms of its contents that is the problem, or the mental and emotional influences, then these are not good enough reasons.

Daniel and his friends did not take issue when they were schooled in Babylonian knowledge which is definitely worse than today's education in terms of content. Their faith in Christ kept them. They took issue with the part of life that compromised their witness for Christ when their lifestyle was changed to an idolatrous one because of the unclean food offered to them and the worship of idols. The recent "murder" in the school is a one-off incident since the independence of Singapore. Our children also need to grow emotionally and that comes through contact with children of their own ages. If you homeschool them, note that they will not have that part of their lives developed properly; our home school system is not like in America whereby the homeschool system is a multi-million-dollar

enterprise with proper recognition and plenty of support. Furthermore, the homeschool system has its own challenges. Ultra-discipline is required upon both parents and children to adapt and change in the dynamics of their relationship - a mom needs to have two roles of a school teacher/disciplinary master and a mom. This can be very daunting and at times confusing to the children. Having said that, if both parents can have the patience, ability, and spiritual discipline to homeschool with sufficient balance in terms of IQ, EQ, and not neglecting the spiritual quotient, then it can be a blessing before your child is thrust into the world after PSLE.



**NO TIME
for GOD**



WORK DURING THIS PANDEMIC HAS CHANGED. I HAVE TO CONSTANTLY RESPOND TO CONSTANT CHANGES AT WORK. IT'S VERY TIME CONSUMING AND TIRING. I ATTEND SUNDAY SERVICE BUT HAVE LITTLE TIME FOR BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, AND FAMILY. I'M FEELING DRAINED. THERE ARE NOT MANY JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND I HAVE TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Struggling with an overwhelming amount of work or not enough work is one of the many ways that the god of this world uses to push Christ out of our lives. Setting godly priorities is very important. List out the non-negotiable and the negotiable. If you place keeping the Lord's day holy as the first on your list of non-negotiable, then fit everything else

around this non-negotiable. This also applies to Bible Study through which you will grow in grace and knowledge of Christ. We all have 24 hours a day. As children of God, studying the Bible is how we know our heavenly Father better. Prioritizing your life has to be done with God's wisdom and help as it is spiritual warfare all the time. Pray and ask the Lord to help you as this is His holy will for all His children. Pray for the management to be understanding. He will surely help and you will see His loving hand in your life guiding you toward an enriched spiritual life and being a better witness for Him at home, work, and church. **Matthew 6:31-33** "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." And **Psalm 37:23-26** "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed."

How can we start to have Christian Clubs and Societies in our children's schools and in the Universities? We need to bring God's presence into every school.

Singapore is a multi-religious secular society. Christian clubs and societies are already found in universities and polytechnics. The problem is that these are part of the ecumenical movement of the last days. We have the FCM in polytechnics and universities. I am not sure about schools. God's presence in schools is through the Christian students and not an organization. These Christian students need to be holy and witness to their classmates. They do not need to have an organization to be a holy witness for Christ.

